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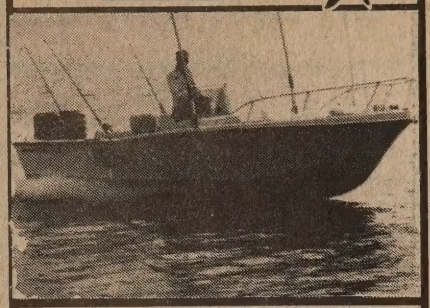

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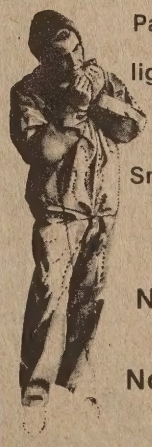

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Help!!!

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None of my friends fish; I do not own a boat; My expertise is not to be envied. Is there a fishing club in the area that I could join or are there other frustrated fishermen out there to hook up with me for outings?

I am interested in doing a lot of fishing and a lot of learning. Every time I read your paper I become depressed because I know that the summer is fading and I still have not caught my first Chopper. **Martin Sussman, Brooklyn.**

Fellow Sportspeople

The more I read in LIF of fantastic catches, the more I wonder what happens to all these fish. In the 8/7/75 issue, under the South Shore Fishing REport were listed the following catches: 200 porgies, 4 bushel baskets of porgies, 24, 32, 30 and 31 blues, 50 seabass, 26 tuna, 320 pounds of sea bass, etc.

Now I must admit that I have a small family, in that I am married with no children, and I do not own a large freezer. But I can not comprehend all these giant catches being eaten without waste. Who ate the 26 tuna? Certainly if they were ground into chum that was a terrible waste of our natural resources.

I am reminded of a party boat captain sailing out of Hyannis Mass, who sized up his 6 fares and presented us with this proposition. He could take us to a place where we would catch blackfish and sea bass with almost every bait, but only if we promised that we would only keep as many fish as we could eat. If we did not like that, then he would take us to another place where we would catch fish, but not nearly as many and we would be free to keep them all. The 6 of us talked it out and decided to go to the special place. The captain had not exaggerated, we either hooked up or lost our bait as soon as it touched bottom. And we threw back most of the fish, probably about 5 returns for each one kept, but even then we accumulated more fish than we realized and I was concerned what to do with the catch. Fortunately the mate was licensed to sell fish in that town, so we gave most of them to him.

Going fishing is a lot of fun, and catching fish is very exciting, and therein lies the reason that sportspeople go fishing. It is not necessary to keep all that is caught. Having hooked, fought, and landed a fish, and having enjoyed it, you do not loose the fun by letting the fish go.

I know that this has all been said before, and often said better than I have expressed it, but you must remember that it is YOU, and not the next person, who must see that our resources are not wasted. It is YOU who must release alive, small and extra fish. Please, if you are not going to eat it, don't keep it. **Kent W. Withers, Brooklyn.**

Artificial Syndrome Re-Visited

The dreaded artificial syndrome struck yours truly last month. However, I am happy to report I have fully recovered and am angling with a broadened mind and healthier outlook.

The incident acting as a catalyst to the syndrome occurred while fly-casting for trout at the beautiful Carmen's River in Yaphank. I waded to my favorite pool and started making thirty foot casts to rising trout. I tried a #14 Adams and hoped for the best.

After being thoroughly crushed and demoralized I went through every dry fly in the box. My presentation was excellent, a thrill in itself for me, but no success. Careful observation revealed that the trout were not taking surface flies but were feeding just beneath the surface of the stream.

With a gleam in my eye and courage in my heart I tied on every nympt and streamer I had until my 5X tippet was so shortened that I had to stop to bloodknot some material onto the leader. I was humbled by some dumb creature with a brain as large as my fingernail. They refused every offering without a swirl.

A fellow flyrodder carefully waded toward me and courteiously inquired my state of affairs and if he might take a few casts. I bid him better luck than I and retreated to shore with my unused net, resembling a dog's tail, hanging between my legs.

Quite surreptiously my successor tied something onto his leader and lazily looped out a cast, perfectly placed. I watched horrified as his rod doubled over. The beautiful embodied rainbow jumped three times before being netted and released. I was in a state of shock.

"How is it this man finds success where I have failed?". I thought I was being punished for some great injustice I may have committed but I knew not what.

Once again this incredible caster looped out his line after checking his fly. A repeat performance followed only with a 12" brown. I was destroyed and collapsed, gracefully, bottom first, on the shore behind the incumbent angler for I had just elected him King.

"Maybe its my tippet. They might be leader shy, but with a 5X tippet? No way, it must be the fly", I remember thinking.

Bang, a third trout was on and this master caster played another fine rainbow to the net. I watched the fish swim slowly away after release with hatred, jealously, and all evil emotions in my heart. I was ashamed.

"Cheeez, I present the damn flies as well as he. What pattern is he using?" I thought I forgot to brush my teeth or something that morning, but I had. His fly was yellow and somewhat rounded, maybe a Mickey Finn, but I had tried that. Total frustration ensued.

My complete lack of self-confidence was further reinforced as he hooked, netted and released his fourth trout in fifteen mintues. My favorite pool, my river, my trout; all his. I needed a beer with an egg in it.

Finally he leaves the waist-high gin clear water and slowly walks toward me. I looked up and politely asked: "What the hell do you have that I

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don't?"

He smiled and quietly replied, "Corn."

Case Closed.

Enclosed is a check for $9 for renewal of my subscription for the Long Island Fisherman. I have just retired and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada from New York. You have no idea how I enjoy reading about whats going on in my old fishing town. I was sorry to read about the Glory sinking as years ago I used to help Strawberry Bill and Whitey cut the bait on the way out to the fishing grounds. At that time the fare was $2.50 and on the way in, after the pool was settled old Bill would raffle off a string of fish .25 a chance or 5 for $1.00.

I also get a chance to read how all my friends are doing such as Dusty on the Little Bear of Montauk whom I fished with when he had the Little Riptide and Bob Uhl had the Rex, Bud Dorman from the Viking Skipper now of Montauk whom I fished with when he was at Point Lookout, Larry Keller from the Jean III who had 6 charters a year, Captain Harry Phippipr of the Pilot II now retired. I helped him out on weekends for 8 years. Captain Dom of the New Apache of City Island. Regards to Joe and Vinnie. What a blackfish boat. I am fishing Lake Mead for trout here; what a let down from a blue or tuna. You may put this letter in your paper if you wish. Yours truly, **Arthur Geiler, Las Vagas, Nevada**

Keep Writing

Please keep reminding your many readers that the 200 Mile Limit Bills are now being voted on, and that writing to our elected representatives brings results! Enclosed please find one of my many results. **John Spiridon, Maplewood, New Jersey**

Dear Mr. Spiridon.

As a longtime sponsor of legislation to extend the U.S. fishing zone to 200 miles. I was gratified by the action of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee last week in approving this measure.

With kindest regards. I am Sincerely yours. **Joseph G. Minish, M.C.**

Bare Handed Eel Skinning

A year ago I watched a yound man skin an eel with his bare hands. After rubbing the eel and his hands with sand, for traction, he held the eel by his head and proceeded to pound the eel against a long. After beating the eel about a dozen times on each side of his body, he took the tail, which was split by now, and pulled the skin right over its head. Then with one quick yank, the skin was off. **Joseph Patterson, Bristol NH**

Praise for a Chance

For the last 10 years or so, me and my father have been "Party Boat Fishing" on an average of at least one a week sometimes more. We boarded boats from Captree, Point Looklut, Sheepshead Bay, etc. Of all the boats we fished, two boats are outstanding. The Jib Fleet (Captree) and the Atomic (Sheepshead Bay). Our thanks to the Captains and crews of these fine boats. One in particuliar, the Jib VI has a young lady who does the work of any outstanding mate on the coast, and enjoys it. The Atomic, which we fished for years, words could not describe their great preformance. It's not often when you can find a boat that really caters to the fisherman, not just for the sake of taking [illegible] out, letting the time pass just to mak[illegible] days pay. Our thanks to the Captain a[illegible] crew of the Jib and the Atomic for making fishing what it should be, a sport. **Anthony Fidanza, Brooklyn, NY.**

New Entrance

For years the entrance to the public parking field at the North Channel Bridge across Jamica Bay approaching from New York has been the the south access. The north access has been the exit. Rcently the Police Dept. has changed this to the Reverse making the north access the entrance and the south now the exit. There are no markings as you approach from New York indicating the new entrance. There is a police car and 2 policemen stationed in the parking field to ticket any fishermen coming into this trap the wrong way. Pleast let your readers know about this and watch carefully when entering these public lots. **Fred Daniel, Maspeth, NY.**

News Releases

EPA Honors Claire Stern

Claire Stern, Executive Director, Long Island Environmental Council, was among nine environmentalists in New York and New Jersey presented with the first annual certificates of appreciation of the Region II office of the Federal Enfironmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Gerald M. Hansler, Regional Administrator.

"Ms. Stern has been in the vanguard of citizens seeking sound legislative action including the presentation and wise use of open space, improvement of resource recovery, conservation of energy, as well as control of air, noise and water pollution."

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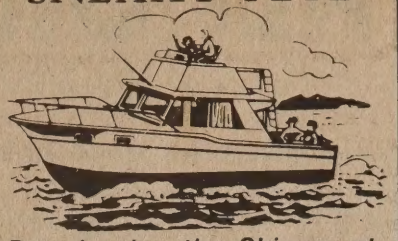

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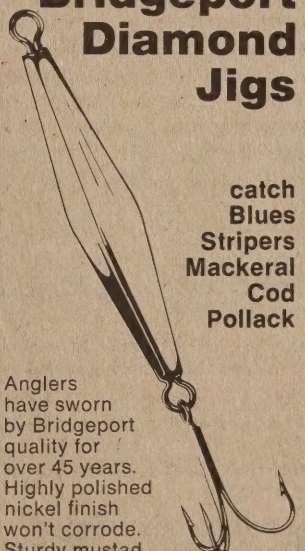

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REPORT ON GATEWAY

by Ed Haring

First, and most important, the fishing permits for the Gateway National Recreation Area, Breezy Point Unit have been revised. The new pass supercedes all those previously issued and must be displayed prominently on in the lower corner of your windshield on the drivers side of the windshield. You must surrender your old pass at the time the new one is issued. The conditions under which the new pass is issued are clearly spelled out on the reverse side of the pass, so there is no excuse for claiming that the regulations which were on a separate sheet had been lost or mislayed. Read these carefully—your failure to comply may not only result in the revocation of your pass but may affect the future of all fishermen using the area.

During the earlier part of the season there have been some infractions of regulations. Fortunately, it is understood by Area's Superintendent that the real fishermen were seldom responsible. Some obtained passes under false pretences so they could picnic or sunbathe. Then there were the pet lovers, some of them fishermen, who let their animals run free. This accounted for several cases of dog bites and some bad cases of fright. Your dog on the beach is far more dangerous than all the species of sharks put together.

There is no denying that certain fishermen were responsible for at least part of the litter. There is a breed of people in our society, who may have been improperly weaned and this cannot venture forth without a can of beverage clutched in their fists. It is a known fact that once the contents are drained the container is lighter by several ounces and can be carried off the beach without undue strain. By no stretch of the imagination can all the cans on the beach be blamed on fishermen, picnicers or sunbathers. Uncaring boatmen who toss their refuse into the world's largest "garbage can" are by far the worst offenders.

To you real fishermen I offer this word of advice. Getting such a fine fishing area in this day and age took a lot of effort by a few people. To help preserve it you must do your part. The Park Rangers cannot be everywhere at once. A large area is involved. If you see rules being broken become involved. Remind the offenders. If that fails, jot down the pass number and report it to the authorities at the Headquarters Office. If unsure of the offender's car, report the incident anyway. Show you care and want to preserve a fishing area without a reasonable distance from our homes.

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

1. Regulations—The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent, and shall comply with the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, or other authorized officer of the Government, governing the area.

2. Definition--The term "Superintendent, Gateway National Recreation Area" as used herein shall include the appropriate Unit Manager or Ranger as a representative of the Superintendent.

3. Damages--The permittee shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from this use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the permittee is authorized to make of the land described in this permit.

4. Construction--No building or other structure shall be erected under this permit.

5. Disposal of Refuse--All refuse must be removed from the area or deposited in the trash receptacles provided in the parking areas.

6. Cutting of Plants—Do not disturb, remove or destroy any plant, animal or other natural feature.

7. Fire Prevention and Suppression--The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent brush, grass, and structural fires and also shall assist the Superintendent in extinguishing such fires in the vicinity of any tract which may be used hereunder.

8. Assignment--This permit may not be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Director, National Park Service, in writing.

9. Access to the controlled area (Jacob Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Jetty Area) of the park by Fisherman's Pass will be for the purpose of fishing only.

10. No camping or sleeping in vehicles or park areas.

11. No swimming, sunbathing, or picnicking.

12. No beach fires—no open fires.

13. No pets.

14. This permit is invalid on private property.

15. All fishing is prohibited between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. on any protected bathing beach within the Recreation Area.

16. Stay on the shore road--do not enter military area, bunker areas, or abandoned buildings.

17. Permit must be displayed in the lower corner of the driver's side of the windshield.

18. Parking for fishing is allowed only in specified areas. Fishermen must use designated roads to and from the parking areas. This pass is subject to revocation from anyone found deviating from designated road and parking areas or for other infractions of park rules and regulations. No motorized vehicle is allowed off designated roadways or on the beaches. In Fort Tilden park vehicle on the pavement so as not to restrict traffic.

19. Revocation--This permit may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the Director, National Park Service.

20. The National Park Service reserves the right to check for proper fishing gear in vehicles.

1. Jacob Riis Park – From May 19 – September 20 – 8:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M. only.
   From September 21 – May 17 – 24 hours
2. Fort Tilden — Year round – 24 hours
3. Jetty Area (Rockaway Point) – Year round – 24 hours

Surf Side

with Doc Muller

BLACKFISH
Part Two

Before all you hard-nosed surf fishermen who extoll the fighting virtues of bass and blues turn the page. I have one question for you. Have you ever caught a big black in the surf? You haven't, then how the hell to you know that they don't fight? The fact is gentlemen, that they fight quite well! They are a strong fish and although they do not make speedy runs they will pull and dig and resist till the very bitter end. On top of that they aren't all that easy to hook. The final plus comes in the eating. The pure white succulent fillets of a freshly caught blackfish fry up into a delectable mouthful.

Ok, how's it done? Tides are very important for the surf fishermen. Since the surfmen can not go to the blackfish he must wait for the tautog to come to him. Blacks will only move close to the beach when there is enough water (5-10 feet) in the shallows to make them secure. Therefore, these fish move in and off the beach with the tide and the best time seems to be the two hour period before and the two hour period after high tide.

Much of the territory close to the beach is exposed to the air during low water and therefore the feeding pressure from fishes on the bait in these areas is less than in those spots that are continuously covered with water. There is simply more to eat.

Anglers who like to take blacks from the beach usually scout the area at low tide. They look for mussel beds close to rock clusters. There should however be enough space between the rocks so that a well placed cast will not immediately hang up when the rig is retrieved. Dark pebble bottoms also represent prime territory.

I was about fifteen years old when I caught my first surf blackfish. The tautogs came in early that year and the mid-September weather was calm, cool, but comfortable.

The blacks that I'd seen come out of the surf to that point had been modest fish of anywhere from a pound to an occasional four pounder. On stiff surf rods the battle was less than spectacular. Yet, this one afternoon the tide was due to crest at about 2 P.M. and I had nothing better to do so I accepted an invitation to join some people who said that they had been mohawking big fish for days.

Ok, I said to myself, let's find out what this is all about. We turned off the main road and parked the car at a place called Duck Point in Cutchogue. In those days you could walk to the east right to the point where clusters of big boulders stood guard at the sands for a millennia.

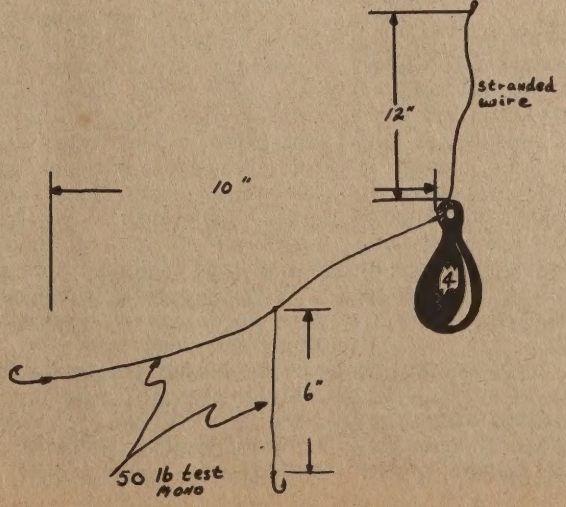
My friend and his wife produced a bag of green crabs and I was surprised because I was always taught that the best baits were worms, clams and fiddler crabs. I watched as he baited his hook with a quarter of the crab. These were large green crabs and if they had been small he would have used a half of a crab. He expertly removed the shell and pulled out the large claw, then he threaded the standard blackfish hook through one leg joint, into the body, and then out another leg so that the point and barb of the hook were free to sink home on the strike. In those days the standard blackfish rig used tarred twine instead of monofilament leader, but clearly the monofilament is less visible and catches more fish. A three ounce bank sinker completed the terminal tackle and the baits went vaulting out into the quiet blue-green water to find a hungry tautog.

We waited for almost half-an-hour and then my friend had a hit. He paused and waited for the second tug and then rammed that hook home. Just then I felt a tug too, and within a second or two I was also into a big blackfish. I was amazed because the fish took line and he ran slowly but forcefully from side to side. For a moment I thought that I had perhaps a small bass, but then I saw the black and blue chunky body roll on the surface barely ten feet in front of me.

I backed up the beach and slid a fat eight pound black onto the pebbles of the Long Island Sound beach. We continued to take fish that ranged from five to ten pounds for the next two hours and after that experience I knew that I would need little convincing to go blackfishing from the beach.

The best rig is a two hook concoction. Carefully snell two Virginia hooks (number 4 if the fish are large, and number 6 if they are medium) each on a fifty pound test monofilament leader that is six to ten inches long. Tie a loop on the end of each. Make a bend in the middle of one leader and pass the loop of the other through the bend and thread the hook from the second leader through the terminal loop of that leader. Pull tight. Now tie an overhand knot in the first leader to secure the terminal loop of the other leader at its mid-point. Attach the rig to a three or four ounce bank sinker. I like to use a 12 inch piece of nylon coated stranded wire above the sinker because it is this part of the line that takes the greatest abuse (see diagram).

Be sure to clean your blackfish quickly because as they sit around, especially in warm weather, they begin to develop a terrible odor that will taint the flesh. If I have the opportunity, I prefer to fillet the fish right on the beach and eat the fish that same evening. So, what are you waiting for. Go tussle with a tautog.



DIVING

with John Fennimore

SKIN DIVING AT NIGHT

"Naw, it will never work," I murmured to myself as I balanced my Allen underwater light in one hand, and my speargun in the other. I've never heard of anyone going skin diving at night. Plenty of people use scuba at night, but the royal order of the rubber breathing tube seems to disappear when the sun goes down. This fact has plagued me on several occasions. Frequently, it is during the darker hours that fish arrive on the scene.

First, I figured that a light that was attached to the gun would be better than a hand held light. Then I would have to purchase a lightweight light with sufficient candlepower, and attach it to my gun. But you would really have to be obcessed with night hunting, because the price of such a fancy compact underwater light my be twice as much as the price of your gun. Then too, it would limit you just to fish hunting, whereas a light held in the other hand can be used for lobster hunting as well. Also, the light would have to be attached to the gun in such a way that it would not interfere with the operation of the gun.

A few days after I had thought about this madness, the conditions for such an undertaking were perfect. The wind was light, the skies were clear, and high tide was at two-thirty in the morning. The late movie that night was "Captain Blood", so I had to wait for Errol Flynn to destroy two French frigates, and live happily ever after with the niece of the bad ex-governor of Port Royale. Oh well, so much for simple tasks, the unknown lay ahead of me.

I headed out for Rockaway Point in the wee hours of the morning. When I arrived, there wasn't a breath of wind in the air. So as I made the two and a quarter mile hike, mosquitoes dive bombed me holding their "noses" as they dove through my insect repellent. I couldn't use Doc Muller's method of repelling mosquitoes with cheap cigars, because I needed my lungs for something other than a dispenser for "raid", and besides, green is not my favorite facial color.

The water was like glass as the moonlight reflected off of it. I slid easily into the cool water, and turned on my light. I loaded my gun, and flippered along the marine growth covered boulders. The visibility was excellent. I could see clearly to the end of my light's beam. It was dead quiet except for the regular sounding of the breakwater's horn. There were no boats fishing in the area, and only an occasional tug would go steaming through the inlet pushing a barge ahead of it.

Small snappers began darting in and out of my light ray. They apparently were dazzled by it as they fought to keep within range of the photons of light. Many small planktonic creatures were also attracted to the light as I swam silently along. Diving down I could see small lobsters crawling around the rocks. If they were legal size I could have cleaned up. I was then struck by the incredible lack of daytime fish life, and nightime life as well. Everything was quiet and still. Diving deepr I discovered a five pound blackfish fast asleep lying on his side in a crevice between the rocks. Placing the spear to the fish's head I slowly put pressure on the trigger of the gun. Then I stopped. I couldn't do it. So I left him snoozing away, and then I flippered to the surface for a breath of air.

The whole picture then materialized before me. The nocturnal lobsters come out at night when the crustacean eating blackfish are fast asleep. Even though lobster are very strong, a school of attacking blackfish could get behind him. Once turned over, the lobster's vital spots are exposed, and then it would be all over for him as the blackfish's teeth tear through the soft underside.

Spider crabs were also out in full force. Exposing their nasty claws upward in my direction everytime I dove near them. I then noticed that most of the blackfish were deeply imbedded in the caves and crevices formed by these massive rock piles to stay away from these long-legged crabs. Fishermen on the jetty would be literally standing on top of sleeping fish as they cast out for bass.

Ducking down again another creature which prowls the ocean floor at this time came into view. A small pollack became mesmerized by the light, and moved toward it. He finned right up to me and investigated my light thoroughly. Satisified with his findings, he swam a short distance away.

The light provided only tunnel vision and this allowed me to scrutinize things that I would normally let go unnoticed.

I flippered back and forth on the oceanside to keep me away from the rip which was forming on bayside as the waters receeded. On top of a mussel covered rock I noticed a small red fish about two inches long. He was quite lively and was puttering around looking for food. I got within inches of this cute little fish and I identified him as a tropical squirrelfish. They are night creatures with big eyes. In the wild they feed only by darkness, but in captivity they quickly get use to eating during the day. I had no net with me, but it would have not been difficult to capture him. But care must be exercised when trapping these fish, so as not to damage their light gathering big eyes. Squirrelfish are rarely seen on Long Island, and they can be purchased in any tropical fish store under the heading of Caribbean fish.

For some unexplained reason my finger moved and flicked off the light switch. Non-stinging jellyfish-like creatures called ctenophores, emitted a bright blue glow. They possessed a property called bioluminescence, and therefore produced "cold light" like fire flies do. Other small planktonic creatures possessing this same property sparkled in the distance. Swishing my hand through the water activated these properties. I could actually write my name in the water like kids with sparklers do on the Fourth of July.

Although my dive had not been very productive in the fish getting sense. It was extremely exciting. Moving silently through the water at night without any noisy scuba bubbles makes it easier to see fish that would normally be tipped off to your presence. A great experience.

FRESHWATER FISHING
with Angelo Peluso

Reguiem For A Bass Lake

Every fisherman, whether fresh water or salt, has a particular "fishing hole" that he considers his favorite. This area may be a secluded pool within a meandering stream, a special cove or an isolated stretch of surf. To some, these locations may give the angler satisfaction far beyond the physical act of catching fish. A place that one can go in order to escape the stresses and strains of every day life.

At this point just relax and let your mind wander back to the last time you visited your favorite fishing hole. Think about how it made you feel: the solitude, the good fishing, the aesthetic appeal. A place that only God could create. A place that makes the act of fishing a committment to nature itself. Now, think about how you would feel if that place were no longer there for you to enjoy. Impossible, you say. My friend, don't bet your life on it. It can happen, it does happen and it did happen to me. My favorite fishing hole is dead. It did not die a natural death, but for all practical purposes was murdered; a case of outright premeditated slaughter.

The story is worth telling and I feel it appropriate to tell it now while the flames of National Hunting and Fishing Day are still burning. I specifically want to tell it to you, the fresh water angler of Long Island, since it is essential for us to prevent similar occurrences on our waters. My incident took place on a body of water located in upper New York State, with apathy and lack of sportsmen unity being the prime contributory factors.

I was introduced to the lake in June of 1968 during New York State's black bass season. It was love at first sight for this body of water was the classic, text book version of an ideal bass water. Aside from merely looking good this lake held a fantastic bass population. It was a consistent producer of many fine catches of both bass and pickerel, and respectable catches of rock bass and crappie. Most of the bass taken were in the two and three pound category with enough lunkers available (5 lbs. or better) to keep the game interesting. Now five pounds might not seem too impressive to anglers in other regions of the country, but to those of us who fish in NY it is a prized catch.

One very significant feature about this lake was its proximity to NYC. Its unequaled bass fishing was made available by driving a mere distance of fifty miles. In a matter of an hour and a half I could leave the confines of the "steel and asphalt" jungle and be on a lake that could easily have been mistaken for a wilderness paradise.

At times when fishing was slow, simply being a part of this environment gave me many hours of enjoyment. The captivating moments of many a sunrise and sunset are still a part of the memories. These fringe benefits were enough to lure me back over and over again.

But, as mentioned, the lake was also very fishy. A number of factors contributed to this. First of all, the lake's physical characteristics were conducive to good bass fishing. It was divided naturally, with an upper end of shallows and deeper, cooler water in the lower portion. In the deeper half the angler would find many deep holes and ledges that tend to hold concentrations of bass. The deep stretches would also provide the bass with needed wintering areas.

The contour of the lake was such that an sland formed a natural division at the midpoint. Surrounding the island were numerous logs and submerged trees. From this point on the lake became a maze of tree stumps. Being a shallow water fanatic, this section had tremendous appeal. With the warming of the water in the spring, and the cooling in the fall, the shallows would come alive with bass. Consistently good fishing continued throughout all of the seasons.

It was certainly a lake worth its weight in gold. But for me, my lake is dead. No longer can I enjoy looking forward to fooling bass on a lake that I had grown to love. There might be those of you reading this article who are wondering just how the end came about for this fishing hole. In today's day and age, where pollution contributes greatly to the destruction to many a natural resource, it might be a good guess to figure that it had a hand. But, it didn't. The primary reason for destroying the lake was so that part of it could be converted into a SWIMMING !!!! area. That's right. A place where John Q Public could be able to go skinny dipping. And the fish. Well, I guess that they would have to perish. The water level of the lake was lowered and the shallow end levelled of all tree stumps. After the initial work was done, the lake was completely drained. No a single drop of it was left.

In the midst of all this destruction I recall being told (as well as other sportsmen) that these actions would not destroy the fishing. Did you ever try catching bass on dry land? The mere destruction of the shallows was enough to disrupt the natural spawning process of the bass population, not to mention the effect on the other sport fish. The amazing thing about the incident is that the State Park Commission decided on this course of action without any concern for the area sportsmen. But this is nothing new. We seem to always seem to get the raw deal. Did you ever stop to think that maybe we contribute to this disregard. Don't we have a right to enjoy our chosen sport as others are able to enjoy theirs? Are swimmers more important than fishermen? Are our natural resources so abundant that we can afford to arbitrarily make damaging decisions? The answers to both of these questions is most certainly no, but sometimes I have to wonder if we all are on the same wave lenghts.

Let us not be fooled. The future of our waters depends upon the decisions that are to be made now, in the present. Bad situations will not "go away" if we leave them alone. They will just get worse. An organization was recently formed that seems to have the key to success. The group is the American League of Anglers and it developed as apolitical lobby group to protect the interests of fish and fishermen. One of the leading organizers happens to be TV personality Curt Gowdy, and it was for a situation similar to the one I described that the organization was born. A western stream was in the process of being dammed when a local politician was approached for help. Much to the dismay of the local anglers, the politician's reply indicated that he didn't care to assist since "fish don't vote". ALA was formed , and their response was "fish don't vote, but fishermen do". A political lobby

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

Bucktails, Bass & Montauk

Some of the greatest light tackle fishing an angler may ever experience will be taking place at Montauk over the next month, now that the fall run of striped bass is on in earnest. While the larger boats go about dragging umbrella rigs and jigging large bucktails at the end of three-hundred feet of wire, the lone angler in a small skiff may be fishing right alongside with a one-handed spinning outfit and have the time of his life.

This is the time of year when the striped bass and bluefish school up in unbelievable numbers in the waters around Montauk. Right now the hordes of bluefish are producing catches where they outnumber the bass three or four to one. But the bluefish will gradually move out and the ratio will drop until the catch tilts to several bass for every blue by the end of the month. This weekend should provide some great fishing if the bass that have been stacked up in the area for the last two weeks decide to do some serious feeding. There's every reason to believe the fishing will really break loose because of the full moon we'll have, the traditional time for the fall bass to peak.

Just about any one-handed spinning outfit will provide the angler with a maximum of sport. Don't neglect that ultra-light outfit, either! Granted, it may take a long time to bring a nice bass to gaff with six-pound test, but who's in a hurry? But whatever outfit you do use, it's a good idea to use a shocker so that you can really whip those casts out and swing those schoolies into the boat rather than going through a netting or gaffing routine. Use a 20 lb. test shocker tied directly to the main line with a blood knot. Make the shocker long enough to have four or five turns on the spool when you are ready to cast or land a fish.

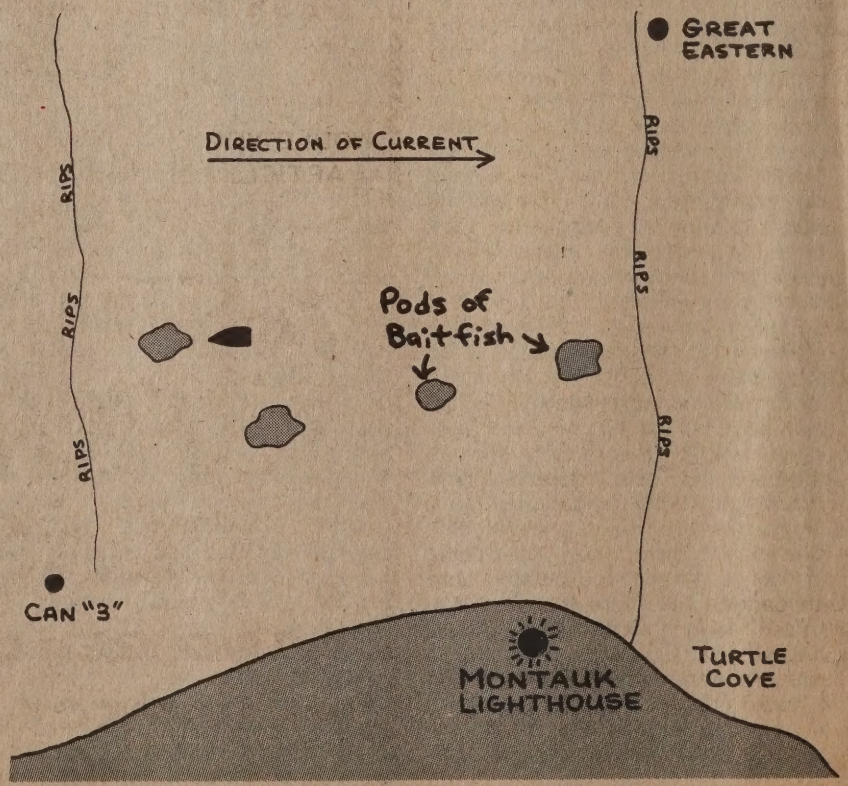
This is bucktail time. Small, white bucktails, ranging in size from a quarter to an ounce in weight. The type of lead head that the jig has (lima bean, bullet, ball, etc.) isn't critical so long as the hair is genuine "bucktail" and not nylon or other imitation. The price of deer tails has skyrocketed in recent years, so there is a temptation to purchase jigs with inexpensive substitutes—don't! Artificial "hair" just doesn't have that pulsating breathing action a true bucktail has when it is properly worked.

It is critical to have a full size range of bucktails in order to "match the hatch" as the fishers of trout so aptly put it. These fish are feeding on huge schools of baitfish that are almost exactly the same size. Now if a bass has been feeding on baitfish barely over an inch in length, why start throwing bucktails two or more inches at him? Last year I saw a textbook example of this "match-the-hatch" principal during the fall run at Montauk. Drifting through large schools of baitfish, I could actually look down and see the flashing sides of the bass as they attacked their prey from below. I three every size and color bucktail I had with me without getting a tough. Naturally, each jig I tried was adorned with a strip of porkrind, because everyone KNOWS you have to use porkrind on a bucktail. Trouble was the bass don't read The Fisherman and weren't aware of this important fishing fact. As a last, desperate act before converting my 2-piece rod into a 3-piecer out of frustration, I removed the porkrind.

A fish on almost every cast, naturally, or I wouldn't be relating the episode. The reason is now obvious, though it seemed ridiculous at the time. The half-ounce bucktail was just the right match for the baitfish that the stripers were feeding on. But by adding the porkrind, I was imitating something much larger and the bass just weren't interested.

The tide for fall bucktailing is outgoing water. When the water is ebbing, large schools of baitfish move through the rips in front of the Point. They are tightly packed together and swim very close to the surface, creating a large brown area on the water that almost looks like a stain or oil slick. They miraculously appear at one end of the rips and disappear at the opposite end. When the tide turns and is coming in these schools of baitfish are nowhere to be found. The bass are still around, but near the bottom and out of reach of a bucktail that isn't trolled on wire.

This area where the baitfish and bass are on top begins around the rips starting near can number 3 and ends



at the rip starting between the lighthouse and Turtle Cove. The trick is to start your drift near the first rip where you have located a pod of baitfish and stick with the school until it disappears at the second rip. Find the baitfish by watching the birds and looking for the brown stains, then position your boat as shown in the diagram, just within casting range. Usually, the baitfish will be moving a little faster than you will be drifting, so the boat is positioned so they will move closer to the boat and stay within casting range for the longest possible time. If the boat were to be positioned on the up-current side the baitfish would quickly move out of range and you will constantly be moving the boat to catch up with them.

Another reason that staying close to the fish is important is the boat traffic. It's something to behold! The operators are all nuts and don't have the slightest idea of what they're doing. (Except you and me, of course!) They will run wide open through the middle of the fish, cut you off, ram you if they can, cast an assortment of plugs and lures (all horrible choices, naturally) past your left ear (never the right) and do everything they can think of NOT to catch any bass and try to make sure you don't either. So do your fishing on a weekday or in the late afternoon whenever possible, and be courteous to other anglers. Find your own school of fish and stick with it!

If you have matched the hatch as discussed, you shouldn't have any trouble taking fish consistently on the bucktail. Try different types and speeds of retrieve until you hit on the right combination. Short twitches with a pause, long sweeps, slow straight retrieve, fast jigging, etc. Cast the jig to the edges of the school of baitfish—the reason they are packed so close together is because the bass are "corraling" them. Allow the bucktails to sink for various amounts of time until you find what level the bass are at. As a rule, the larger fish are deeper than the schoolies.

A boat can be launched from either of the town ramps located on West Lake and East Lake Drives for free, but you can't park your car there, so one person will have to drive the boat to meet you where the car is parked. The ramps are also pretty poor, especially at low tide. The Gone Fishing Marina has an excellent ramp with parking but there is a fee. You also can't launch a boat until 6 A.M., but the early start really isn't necessary in the fall. If you see me on the water, give a wave—unfortunately we won't be able to talk because you'll be too far away....WON'T YOU?!!!

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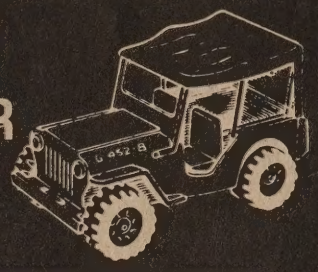

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This Year Try Chartering

by Terry Wallace

The sun was hot as it beat down upon Capt. Larry Keller's charterboat, the "Jean Three" at Tumas dock in Montauk. The fall run of striped bas at the point had been terrific since early fall and my partners Tom Cara and Paul "Dog" Doherty had joined me to take advantage of this great action aboard Capt. Keller's boat.

For Tom and Paul, both experienced fishermen, going out on a charterboat would be a toally new experience. Like many other fisherman neither of them had ever considered going out on a charter boat because they had access to several areas where the fishing was very good. However, with a little persuasion and the help of the weekly fishing reports in the Long Island Fisherman I was able to twist their arms.

After standing alongside Tumas dock discussing the recent fall run of bass with Capt. Keller he invited us aboard his boat. Minutes later the engines roared up and Capt. Keller swung the boat towards Montauk inlet and out in the direction of the latest fishing hotspot.

Upon passing the inlet the three of us sat inside the cabin sipping hot coffee and exchanging tales that we had heard about Montauk fishing. Both Tom and Paul agreed that their new experience was different than what they were accustomed to and that it was an enjoyable feeling knowing that most of the real work would be done by the captain and his mate.

It was no more than twenty minutes after we had boarded the boat that the drowning of the engines indicated that we had reached our destination and were ready to begin fishing. Keller's mate Richie brought several rods out of the cabin and gave one to each of us. By this time the Jean Three was at trolling speed and ready to go. The mate held a rod and proceeded to instruct us on its proper use, and he let the wire line with bucktail out into the water. After letting out several hundred feet of line he gave Tom and Paul a quick lesson on the proper mechanics of jigging the bucktail before turning the rods over to them.

I sat in the fighting chair drinking coffee as I watched my two partners jig their rods with short quick strokes wondering when one of them would catch a fish. Fifteen minutes passed

With two fish on, the mate gaffs one for the author.

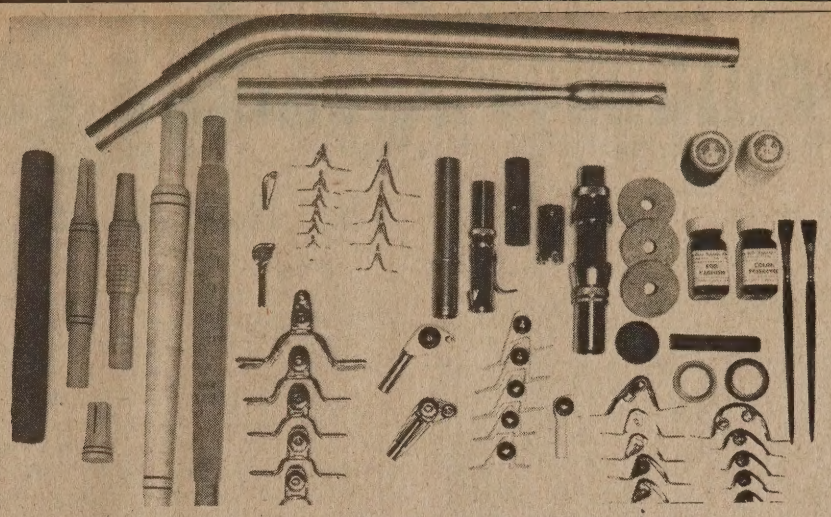
The mate looks over the days catch.

before Tom's rod came to life and almost left his hands due to the pulling of a decent sized bass. Tom struggled for a moment with the fish until he began reeling at a steady pace. In the mean time Paul continued jigging, waiting for his first strike of the day. Within minutes after the initial hit Tom was ready to land his first fish. The mate politely asked Tom to step back towards the front of the boat and with a gaff in one hand and Tom's line in the other, leaned over the stern and pulled in a nice ten pound bass. The grin on Tom's face was approval enough without any words having been said, as he took my place in the chair needing a short breather.

Paul continued to work his rod fast but rhythematically as I let my line over the side. After getting my line out I joined Paul in jigging. Several mintues later there was a yell from Capt. Keller in the wheelhouse above, "get ready the recorder shows we're over fish". Moments later both rods arched down toward the Atlantic. Within several minutes two more bass were in the boat, thanks to the expert fishing and captaining of Capt. Keller who by this time was smiling himself over our recent successes.

As we again began to troll Paul and Tom let their lines out and began to jig. Having known Capt. Keller before this date I went up to speak to him for a few minutes. He informed me through our conversation that it really mattered to him and the rest of the captains on the Island to catch fish. Not that he would make more money for his efforts but that it was a case of pride, not only to himself, but to most of the other captains. He included that it was also a way of keeping a good reputation and many fishermen happy. After watching Tom struggle with another bass I decided to replace the conversation with a rod. As I began to jig I listened to the mate explain different techniques of bass fishing at Montauk with Paul and Tom. The mates story was cut short by the familiar sound of Keller's voice saying, "get ready." Seconds later another two fish were on and it was time for some more tired arms. After another several hours of jigging and hearing the familiar, "get ready", we had totaled more than twenty-five bass and a good number of bluefish.

As the engines roared up and we began our trek towards Montauk harbor we resumed our positions inside the warm cabin. Both Tom and Paul spoke about our trip and agreed that the experience of a good captain and mate could turn any day into a great fishing trip and that they would sail many more times on charters in future years to come.



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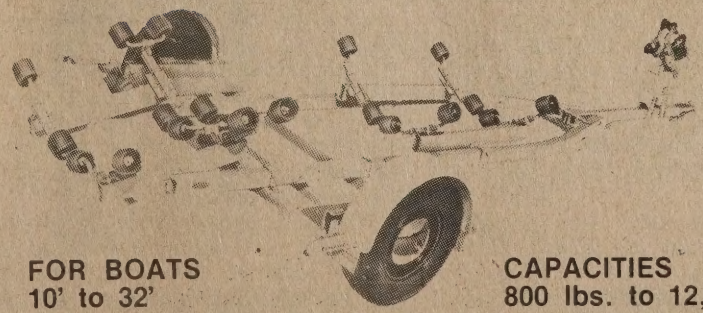

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Shinnecock Canal's Fall Flounder

by Matt Ahern

It is seldom shore fishermen find an ideal spot to catch flounders. Most places with apparent potential are either off limits to the fisherman, or the few fish caught hardly seem worth the effort. I know from whence I speak for in looking for an ideal spot. I, too, have done my share of flounder chasing on both north and south shores.

During my searching, I put in a great deal of time and effort and eventually found a few good spots, some fair spots, and a great many poor spots, but I hit the jack-pot when I first fished Shinnecock Canal. Here is a spot which the shore fisherman can usually depend on to produce. I can honestly say I've never been skunked when flounder fishing in the Canal.

I particularly like fall flounder fishing from here because not only is the average fish good-sized, the fishing is easy. If he wishes, the angler can fish just two feet from his car and be successful—and there aren't too many shore spots around of which that can be said. Also, long casts aren't needed to get to the fish. The necessary depth of water needed for successful flounder fishing is practically at the fisherman's feet, which makes it ideal for the beginner.

When the canal is fished at the proper time there is no noticeable tide and a one ounce bank sinker will hold bottom when used with light monofilament line. But I'm sure many fishermen have journeyed to the canal and found a ripping tide rushing through from the Great Peconic Bay into Shinnecock and thence out to the ocean.

Needless to say, this condition makes just about any kind of fishing impossible, but at the conclusion of this article, I'll tell you of a fool-proof method enabling any fisherman to predetermine when fishing the canal can be done without difficulty.

It isn't often saltwater anglers can bottom fish from shore and get by with light spinning tackle, but it can be done in the Canal. Any light spinning rod with matching open-faced reel filled with six to eight pound test mono is ideal. This is the tackle with which the fisherman can enjoy himself to the utmost.

Flounder fishing at the south end has many devotees.

Fishing is usually done on the west bank of the canal in an area extending from the new Montauk Highway bridge to the Sunrise Highway overpass. To the north is mostly private property and boat marinas, etc. Beyond this private property, however is a good stretch of fishing water at the Peconic Bay entrance.

This area is easily reached by taking the road just behind the canal and which parallels its course. Turn right at the end and there you will find plenty of fishing room, plus a rock jetty for the fisherman with blackfish in mind.

Peconic Bay is noted for its large flounders and this north end of the canal which fronts on the Peconic is the place to try for these fish. Not only that, you will avoid crowded conditions sometimes found at the south end. During late October and into November, two pounders are not uncommon, and while I've never been that lucky, I've seen more than one three-pounder come up from here.

One thing of importance when fishing this north end. Should the day be cold and blustery, with northerly winds from any quarter, be advised to think about fishing elsewhere. There is absolutely no protection whatever from wind. Fish the south and where the high banks make an effective wind-break.

Hooks can be the standard Chestertown flounder hook in size nine or ten, with nine preferred on the Peconic side. Number six regular-shanked Sproats can also be used. Hooks should be tandem-tied for best results. But whatever method is used, be sure they are both on bottom. If you tie the tandem-rigged hooks two inches above you sinker, they'll do just that. Hooks not on bottom catch few flounders.

When fishing the Shinnecock Canal, the angler should always expect to

lose some terminal tackle: the bottom is "sticky" in many areas. There are spots, however, where one may be fortunate enough to fish for hours and not lose a hook; if you're lucky, all well and good. But emulate the proverbial Boy Scout by being prepared and bring extras to be on the safe side.

This fact alone is one reason I'm so set against using flounder spreaders. Should you do so, you are sure to be hung-up and lose it the first cast. Stay away from extra hardware; tandem-tie your hooks and catch fish.

At this time of year, the shore fisherman should bring more than one type of bait. My choice would be sandworms for the north end of the canal, bloodworms for the south end, and soft clam as a good second choice for either one. There are days when the fish will only hit clam, so be sure to have some with you. Hard clam or fresh skimmer are good substitutes for the soft clam.

It isn't necessary to chum, although you may see some fishermen crushing mussels and tossing them near their lines. If you think mussels will help you, do so by all means, but I never bother when fishing the canal as there usually are enough fish around to satisfy everyone.

As when fishing from a boat, keep in mind that flounders must be hunted. If after a reasonable length of time no action if forthcoming, move five or ten feet away and make a few casts, preferably in a half-circle radius.

Notice where you get your first fish and continue casting to that spot, moving as close to it as possible, providing of course, that you don't interfere with other fishermen who may have already gotten into the fish. If you must, keep moving along the canal's bulkheading until you hit into your own fish. You'll find them without too much difficulty.

When the time comes to pack it in, keep in mind where your fish were caught. When you return again at some future date, you'll find the fish in that immediate area.

If I had a buck for every poor fisherman who made a long journey to Shinnecock Canal over the years only to find the tidal-doors open, I'd be rich. Unless you live in the vicinity, traveling out to the canal blindly can be foolishness, indeed. The fisherman should bear in mind that the opening and closig of these tidal-doors that halt the tidal flow is not man-induced. It is the flow of the tide and its pressure that operates these doors.

A fool-proof method of determining when it's best to fish the canal is easily done by checking the tide tables in The Fisherman or your daily newspaper.

Here's how: Use the Sandy Hook listing as your reference point and DEDUCT three and a half hours from the reading. This will automatically give you the time the gates CLOSE. ADD two and a half hours and you will have the time the gates open. (This is when fishing ceases.)

You can now fish anytime within those six hours and find the canal curent-free as a freshwater pond. Don't make the mistake of using the high-water reading for Shinnecock Canal. This is for boatmen and has nothing to do with the angler fishing the canal. You'll only cut into your fishing time if you do.

Incidentally, I'd copy these directions and keep them handy for future reference. If you don't, you'll soon discover how confusing these simple instructions can be.

Try Shinnecock Canal this fall. You'll meet a lot of congenial flounder fishermen who always seem willing to swap fish tales and point out the best spots. Best of all, you'll catch fish.

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The Smith Point Bridge

by Gerald Hahn

As some of you may know, fishing from a bridge can offer a pleasant and exciting alternative to other types of shore fishing. It has certain advantages over fishing from a pier; a bridge spans the whole width of a river or bay. This creates a more flexible situation for the fisherman because he has the option of dropping a line into the shallow water, deep water, and transitional areas without difficulty. He can work slower and faster water from the same bridge. Although a jetty or surf casting from a beach have particular characteristics that are distinct from bridge fishing, there are many times when you just don't feel like getting full of sand or having to scramble up and down slippery rocks in an attempt to free snagged lines. Yet another advantage to bridge fishing is that, frequently, you can see the fish in the water.

Unfortunately, many bridges on the west end of Long Island are restricted although a lot of sharpies have gone through all sorts of gymnastics to fish from one of these bridges while trying to avoid patrol cars. Frank Woolner recalls some amusing incidents of this in his book, "Modern Saltwater Sport Fishing". I experienced the same hassles in Upstate NY while fishing for carp in a pool of water no bigger and less deep than the average sized swimming pool in the backyard. There were six of these relatives of the goldfish visible from this bridge and they were 15 to 20 lbs. each. We were using dough balls with molasses for bait and fishing the bottom without daring to move the bait an inch. After an hour of watching them sniff these goodies to pass the rod over a number of girders until we were above the bank. In the meantime, my kid and his friend scrambled down to the bank. His friend grabbed the line and began to pull this monster out of the water. Unfortunately, he snagged the line on a rock and we watched this giant sink like the Titanic. Just then, a patrol car came along and we received a long lecture but no ticket. After that, we had to fish under the bridge, I mean, hanging from the rafters.

One bridge that presents none of these problems and can be quite productive, is the Smith Point Bridge, in the vicinity of Shirley and Mastic. It separates Moriches Bay from Great South Bay, or more specifically, Bellport Bay from Narrow Bay and connects Long Island with the eastern end of Fire Island. I fished from this bridge at least a dozen times last May and especially during June. I was teaching a summer session class in Queens every afternoon from 1-5 P.M. Several times a week, I brought my fishing gear along and after a hot afternoon in the classroom, I'd get on the LIE and head out to exit 68, William Floyd Parkway, take the south exit towards Shirley and the bridge which is at the end of the Parkway. I paid the .75 toll, crossed the bridge into Fire Island, and parked my car in the lot at Smith Point County Park. I was fishing for a few hours when I realized that I was going to have to move the car because there is no parking permitted there after 10 P.M. It was then that I found out where to park at any time, for nothing. When you begin to approach the toll area on the Parkway, a sign posted on the divider reads, "Last Exit Before Toll". Don't take that left because you will be making a U-turn and heading back north. Instead, continue a few feet beyond this sign where there is another break in the divider and no sign. Make a left, cross the Parkway, and drive onto the road facing you. This road swings immediately to the right and runs parallel to the Parkway, Within a few yards, you will come to a dead end and you can park there without any trouble. The toll booths will now be behind you and you will be on the east side and within a block of the bridge. You can also park on the west side of the bridge by taking the last exit off the Parkway on your right, continuing onto a windy dirt road, until you come to an open, sandy area which is undeveloped property.

The bridge itself, has two pedestrian walks and a railing around chest high. There are only a few obstructions above the railing because this is a draw-bridge. Most people fish up to the moving parts of the bridge, either closer to Long Island or Fire Island. Some will leave their gear just outside of these points and fish the center area of the bridge. With an incoming tide, fish towards the west and the reverse with an outgoing tide because you don't want your line to pass you under the bridge and break off against it if you hook into a large fish.

I would like to digress for a moment and to state that once you become familiar with a particular area, one kind of fishing often leads to another. I've fished Moriches Bay for a number of years from a boat, both east and west of the inlet. It is generally an excellent flounder and fluke bay because the bottom is not rocky and the water is shallow in comparison to other bays in Long Island. In the fall, you can also catch sea bass and porgies. In addition to this, I also fished the inlet from the surf and jetty, and saw larger boats doing a bang-up job on blues just outside of the inlet. Blues, stripers, and weakfish can be caught from the jetty throughout the summer but unless you own a beach vehicle, you will have to walk a mile and a half to get to the inlet. Every so often, some local or fishing station owner would tell me about stripers, weaks, and blues in Moriches Bay itself. My ears began to perk up. Unfortunately, this was a night time proposition only and fishing stations close at 4 or 5 P.M. They also open at 6 or 7 A.M., and even then, by the time that you're all set up, you have lost most of the best possible time to fish for these species.

I reasoned, why not try the bridge at dusk? It's the same bay and some fish coming through the inlet would have to move in the vicinity of the bridge, even though it is 7 miles to the west. After all, bridges have supports and all kinds of small bait will hide among the barnacles, seaweed etc., that become attached to them. There are few other places to hide in this bay. Larger predators will, surely, know this area. My hunch was correct. During May and June, in the late afternoon, evening, and night hours, especially when combined with a few hours before and after high tide, school sized weakfish, blues, and an occasional striper or fluke were caught, consistently, from the bridge. However, the feeding patterns of these fish seemed to change each time I went there. The first time, around 10 snapper-blues were caught almost exclusively on Tri-fin Whiptails tipped with squid. The bay was full of sand eels. The next time I went out, people caught the same on spearing using a couple of split-shots for a little weight. A week later, the weakfish and school sized blues began hitting fluke rigs on the bottom. The bait now was strictly

squid. Needless to say, I brought some squid along on my next trip. High tide was around 11 P.M.. An older man came along around 10 P.M.. He had a baitcasting rod and conventional reel. He rigged up two hooks with a 3 oz. sinker a foot below. He put a couple of sandworms on, walked over near the center of the bridge, and let out enough line into the fast water so that it was but a few feet from the bridge. Within an hour, he pulled up three school sized weakfish. Other times, small poppers or swimming plugs in assorted colors, seemed to produce best. For some reason, metal lures produced least even during the daytime. One afternoon, when the light was right, I could see about a dozen school sized blues congregating under the bridge. That day was a real bonanza for almost everyone. Whenever a larger fish was hooked, the person would simply "walk" the fish to the nearest end of the bridge and beach it. A net or gaff was not necessary. A number of people put on waders and tried surf casting in the vicinity of the bridge. Although overall productivity seemed to be better from the bridge, I heard that every so often a big striper or weak was caught in this manner at night. However, I never saw these.

During July and August, things seemed to slow down at the bridge, especially in the daytime. This happens in many places, even well known hot spots. In August, people began catching snappers by the bucketfull from the bridge, mostly on spearing with a float. Also, this bridge was great for blue claw crabs. I don't know what happened at dawn or dusk during this period because I had moved on to other spots. However, I would like to try the bridge again this fall and to see whether people are catching these fish or, perhaps, some larger fluke before they move out into the ocean for the winter.

The information that I gathered from these early summer trips to the bridge paid off during the summer, in reverse, i.e., when I fished the bay again for fluke from a boat. I located some fishing stations in the LIF that were closer to the bridge and managed to combine fluke fishing during the day with an hour or two of casting for blues and weaks from around 7:30-9 A.M. Sometimes, they were in and out of the bay all day. We would anchor in deep water, near a sand bar within view of the bridge, or near some buoys, e.g., 17 or 23 a mile or so east of the bridge, and cast swimmers and poppers. We saw some 5 lb. weakfish caught here and a good number of schoolies. That's pretty good for a "flounder and fluke" bay. The bridge really paid off in more ways than one.

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Big Bass, Think Eels

by John Fritz

Many articles have been written about fishing for large striped bass using eels. This piece is on the same subject but with some hopefully new ideas on the topic which could either help or destroy your mind completely. The purpose of this article is to help. The bass will destroy your mind without any help from us.

One of the first bits of information a person hears when he starts pounding the sand is, "If you want to catch big bass, think eels." Live eels, dead eels, rigged eels and eel skin jigs and plugs. Fish after dark and you'll score. There is no doubt about it they work. The belief was, that they are only good after dark. This is when the lunkers lose their caution and come into the beach where they can be reached by the clumsily casted eel.

Last October this whole theory was shattered like the dawn in the Catskills on opening day of the deer season. Unbelievable! Monster bass caught under the bright sun. High water, low water, calm water and rough water. Put your snake in the suds anytime day or night and you could go home with that long sought trophy.

The place in question is known to all but the point is if it works in one place why not in others. The south shore on Long Island from Fire Island Inlet to Jones Inlet saw 40 and 50 pound bass caught with unbelievable consistency. More big bass were caught in this area last October than any other year, if not all then most were taken on eels. Let us just say the fishing was pretty damn good for novice and sharpshooter alike.

Just to give you an idea of what kind of fishing took place last year, the first and more impressive incident witnessed was that of a 48 pound bass taken on the bar at Cedar, dead low water, (3 to 4 '), seas calm, wind north at 4 with light clouds. You might say so what. A nice quiet nite, the fish was cruising the beach under the cover of darkness but the point is, this fish was taken at 11:30 in the morning. Want more witnessed accounts? A 48 pound fish was taken at 7:30 A.M. well after sunrise. A 49 pounder was taken at 10 A.M.. Before beating this fact to death, these were just the 40 pound class fish caught, which were actually witnessed. Who knows how many were taken and kept quiet.

The usual terminal tackle consist of a fish-finder rig with a short shanked 4/0 tuna hook tied directly to the line. The eel is hooked from under the lower jaw with the point protruding out one eye. This way the brain is not pierced killing the eel. It is not implied that dead eels won't catch bass but live eels do work better. The eels preferably should be about 12 inches long and when buying make sure they were not combed but trapped. There should be no spear marks on them. Usually you are given the eels in a small plastic bag, upon arrival at home or on the beach they should be taken out and put in a pail. Place a wet burlap or towel over them. They must be kept moist but don't put them in water unless you have an aerator or some device to supply oxygen. They will suffocate. In warm weather put some ice cubes in a plastic bag and place on top of the wet rags, not in direct contact with the eels. Moist and cool is the secret. Towards the end of the season in November be aware of the drop in temperature at night and prevent the eels from freezing.

A smart bait saving tip was passed on by "John the Greek." In order to stop the eel from tying himself in a knot and backing the hook out, put a small piece of stiff plastic over the barb of the hook. It's tough trying to snag a passing fish on a bare hook.

The main run of fish caught on eels last year at Cedar started on October 14th but fish were taken in lesser quantities during most of September at Parking Field #9 and West End of Jones. The heavy run lasted until about November 1 with fish being taken throughout the month in lesser quantities as the month progressed.

The actual fishing gives you plenty of time to pass around fish stories with the other hopefuls on the beach but attention must be paid to the rod. Not for fear of losing your rod because your drag should be set loose. Pay attention first of all for any hits but also to make sure your line stays put. Insufficient lead could be one reason for not holding bottom. Another could be weed. On some occasions it is just impossible to fish because of the weed but on other days the weed is mainly in the wash. If you could get your rod up a little higher you can prevent that long green clothesline.

The easiest way to accomplish this is to make a longer sand spike. Get yourself a four foot piece of angle iron or better yet aluminum. Take your regular sand spike and attach it to one end of the angle iron with stainless steel, screw type hose clamps. These are picked up in any auto parts place. These spikes under a 13 foot stick will do a nice job. One word of caution is that if you are short and the spike is too high you can have trouble getting the rod out of the spike with the pull from a heavy fish. Try to obtain a happy medium by sinking the spike at different depths in the sand.

You could get arguments all day long when you should strike the fish after a pick-up. Generally speaking you have to let him swallow the eel. Once that hook is in his belly that point is sure to grab something substantial on the way out. Once hooked let him run. These beaches hold vast expanses of wide open sand and water. Trying to land a green lunker in a heavy surf can lead to many unkind works directed at the king of surf-fish. Ol' Roccus.

FRESHWATER FISHING
(Continued from page 9.)

formed to put the pressure where the pressure is needed. The concept is great, and we should all be thinking in similar terms. If the political route is the course to take, then let's get to the business at hand. It's time the tide changes, and time that all of us unite for the good of the sport and the future of our gamefish. At the present time there exists many unified conservation and sportsmen groups that are working, with deep dedication, for the preservation of our natural resources, specifically those areas that sportsmen utilize. Though others may be in the vanguard, don't be lulled into a sense of false security. Remember, things are likely to get worse and it may be only a matter of time before your favorite fishing hole is dead. If you would like to help the cause, please feel free to write me at the Long Island Fisherman, and I will make it a point to head you in the right direction. The fate of Long Island waters is in our hands. I will not shirk that responsibility.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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Flounder Rigs *by Herb Buch*

If you had asked me about flounder rigs fifteen years ago, I would have told you to get any small hooks and some worms and go fishing. Since then, the jetties that I used to fish for stripers have been sinking and becoming more and more slippery, and I have become more chicken. As a result, I have been spending more time on other fish, and looking for better ways to catch them.

My first flounder fishing buddy used an old time rig, a spreader with two snelled flounder hooks and a four-ounce pyramid sinker. Fished from a boat in the bays, this rig really produced fish. It took me several years to come up with something to equal it. Fished on a heavy rod this rig stirs up the bottom as you bounce it, and you had better believe that flounders like the bottom disturbed.

I couldn't get the same action with a one-ounce pyramid on my light outfits, and I don't like heavy outfits for small fish, so I tried attracting them another way. I snelled my own flounder hooks, and on the leader placed several good sized beads, including the now-popular flourescent red. Fished right on the bottom and jigged gently, this seemed to do the job and helped me keep my catches for many years.

This business of being on the bottom must be taken seriously. I have seen one man, with his hooks on the bottom, outfish everyone else when a current kept our hooks even an inch or two up. The best way that I have found to keep my hooks down is to thread my mono line through an egg sinker (oval sinker with a hole through the length of it) and tie the line to a swivel then tie the hooks to the other end of the swivel. A three-way swivel snugged up against a regular sinker will work pretty well most of the time.

Whatever sinker you use can also become part of the action by being painted in a bright color. Yellow and red seem to work pretty well, but I suppose some other colors could turn out to be winners, too.

My favorite rig for boat fishing or pier fishing makes use of an egg sinker in weights to suit the tidal current and the size of your line: Heavy line or heavy current requires a heavy sinker. I use sinkers from one-half ounce to one and one-half ounces in size on eight pound test monofilament, and I use two hooks bridled, that is; one leader is tied to the middle of the other.

If you are good at tying knots you can use a blood knot halfway down one leader to produce an eight or ten-inch dropper, to which you add beads if you wish, and then tie in your own hook. Or you can make the dropper short on a long leader.

Hook sizes to use vary with the size of the fish to be caught. In general I depend on size eight hooks, but where fish run large, such as at Cape Cod or Eastern Long Island, size six is preferable. At times when local fish are only nibbling and hard to hook, I may go to a size ten hook, but that is rarely necessary.

Chestertown hooks are the standard for flounders. These are the hooks you buy ready-rigged in the tackle shops. Although they do a good job, I prefer a Model Perfect hook with a very long shank (6XL). This is not as long as the Chestertown, but it is easily hidden in a piece of worm, and is still long enough to remove from the fish's mouth most of the time. I still believe that any small hook will take flounders but not on any old rig, unless you will settle for watching the other men take most of the fish.

Many of my surf fishing friends rarely fish from a boat or pier. However, they are usually willing to try for the tasty flounder when they can be reached from shore. During the spring and fall the flounders pass through the inlets, and then we have the shore casters working on them from the beach. Although the boat rig can also be used from the beach, many people prefer a different combination, which does not foul up as often as the bridled hooks tend to when they are cast.

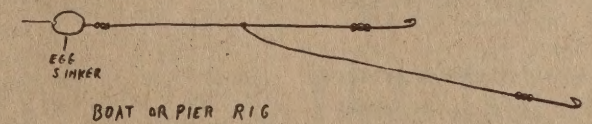
A rig which I have found very useful for shore line casting consists of a sinker at the end, and two dropper hooks attached to loops in my mono line, or tied-on mono droppers from blood knots in a long piece of mono leader. This end hook should be attached about two inches from the sinker, and it may be a commercially snelled hook or one of your own manufacturers—with a leader or snell about eight inches long.

The second hook should be attached about sixteen inches above the sinker, and this hook should have a longer leader, about twelve inches long, to be sure that the hook will be resting on the bottom when the line is angling down from a long surf rod.

Beads strung on the mono leaders seem to increase the number of bites that I receive, and I prefer them to the plastic tubes that some manufacturers place on their flounder rigs. Flourescent beads are available from mail order tackle houses such as Herter's and Finnysports, and the latter outfit lists them in many colors other than the popular red. Arts and Crafts houses also offer some beautiful beads which I am experimenting with. My best results so far have been with either red, yellow or combinations of these. However, new flourescent and irridescent colors now available are going into my rigs for testing this coming year.

I certainly have not discovered the only effective rig for flounders, or the best ones. These, however, do a good job and often have outfished many other rigs on my own rods, or those of other fishermen using the same baits at the same time.

We all know that any rig will catch some fish. We are searching for rigs that are more consistent in producing success. Try something new, it may increase your score.



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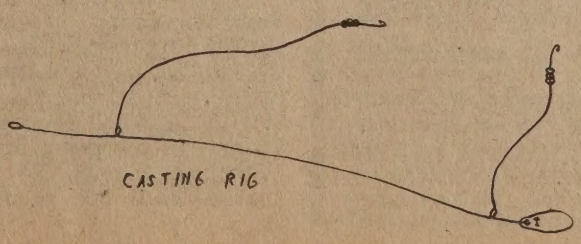

CASTING RIG

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** said that the bluefishing is best with a 4:1 ratio to striped bass. Trolling umbrellas on slack tide and bucktails when the water is moving fast. Fishing is concentrated between the Lighthouse and about ½ mile out. Half day catches average around 40 fish.

Captain Frank Pike of the **Leatherneck** said that the bass is starting to show up good with the bluefish with some days a catch of 50-50 bass and blues, so it looks like the blues are starting to leave. The bass average 10-15 pounds with an occasional 25 pounder but you must jig bucktails for them. Best areas are the Pollack Rip, Jones, and Shagwong.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** said that there are some stripers around but not as many as there should be. Bass catches will range anywhere from 7 to 30 for a full day of fishing with 80 to 90 small bluefish. Bluefishing for the big "Gorillas" at Cartwright is still very good. On Saturday 137 fish were boated and on Sunday 160 fish were boated, none under 12 pounds with quite a few 16 to 18 pounds. On Monday a 22 pounder was the largest fish. The herring baits are also taking a few cod each day with the blues. Dick said that he still has a few open charter dates available in late November. Give him a call.

Captain John Sweetman of the **Ebbtide** reported trolling bluefish, bas and weakfish on umbrella rigs and jigging bucktails all around the Lighthouse area. The more the bluefish decrease, the more bass are caught. The trick is to get away from the bluefish.

Johnny Keller of **The Lake Montauk Marina** said that the blues are still hot but the bass fishing has been picking up. Catch ratio is 4 or 5 blues for every bass. Best area is all around the Lighthouse trolling umbrella rigs, bucktails and parachute rigs. Porgies are still around but not many fishermen are going for them. Blackfish are plentiful and large in the rocky areas around the Lighthouse and around the hump at outer Shagwong. The **Bronco** trolled 36 bass and bluefish in 2 hours on Sunday before returning to the dock because of rough seas.

Ken Youngson, Mike Sala, Bob Burgess and Bill Linneman caught these stripers while fishing Montauk Point aboard the "Hurry Up".

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** said that fishing was fair to good last week in the Block Island area and the weather did not help matters any. Saturday was better than Sunday with a hi-hook of 130 porgies.

Local bass specialist **John DeMaio** is now booking 3 and 4 man charters for the fall bass run. John specializes in casting bucktails and diamond jigging for striped bass. If you don't like wire lining DeMaio is the man to see. Give him a call at 668-5130.

Anthony Russo of Brooklyn called to tell us of an unbelievable blackfishing experience he had on Captain Kenny Charpentier's charterboat "Roe". Fishing Outer Shagwong on outgoing water for a little over 2 hours 2 men took 35 blackfish that read 238 pounds on the scale. Largest black was 13 pounds. Green crabs was the bait.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to give us a rundown on what the marina boats are doing. On Saturday the "Friendship" took 26 blackfish to 8¾ pounds with quite a few 5 and 6 pounds at Outer Shagwong on green crabs. The "Bumblebee" took 23 bass to 18 pounds and 50 bluefish trolling bucktails and feathers under the lighthouse. The "Lilian Q" took 14 bass, 40 blues and 4 weakfish to 10½ trolling feathers and bucktails. On Sunday the "Marie II" trolled 8 weakfish, 21 bass and 45 blues. The "Zip" took 35 bass and 20 bluefish trolling between the beach and can 3. The "Colleen" took 50 bluefish to 16 pounds at Outer Cartwright on mackerel chunks.

Captain Pete Novelinno's **Jenny III** Sunday morning fished the North Bar and the Point, nailing 3 bass and a mess of bluefish, before the offshore heave made them cut the day a bit short. If nothing else, the weather at Montauk is surely unpredictable.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie II** and a party of 3 on Saturday caught 126 blues up to 13 pounds, 9 bass up to 18½ pounds fishing the Pollack Rip and the south side.

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PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that fishing has been fair to poor recently because of a lot of wind. Porgies are still plentiful at Gardiners Island with a few blackfish mixed in. A few flounder are showing but aren't too strong yet. No small bluefish have been around in the last week or so.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at **Noyac Marina** said that the weather has discouraged fishermen but there are plenty of good sized flounder in the area.

Danny Boy and Michael Sullivan with their catch after a hard days work at Montauk aboard the "Viking Star" of Montauk and their uncle's boat the "Mainliner". Subscriber Club Photo.

SHINNECOCK

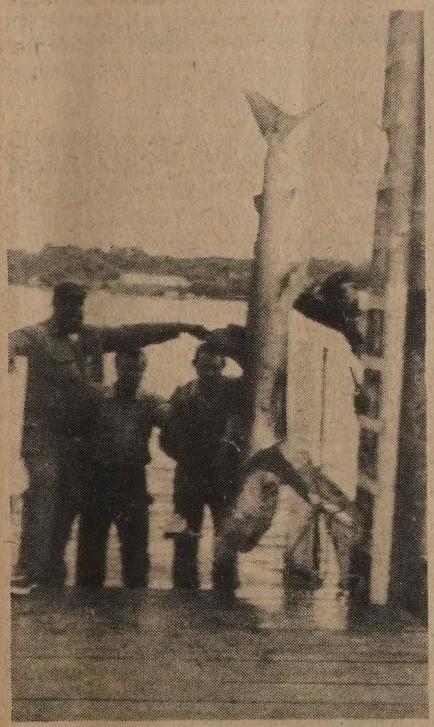
Altenkirch Tackle reported blackfish in the cannal on fiddler crabs and around Shinnecock Inlet and larger fish in Peconic Bay on fiddlers and green crabs. Striped bass fishing at night from boats has produced fish up to 50 pounds on live eels and bunker during outgoing water. Lots of bluefish are being taken from the beach. Sea bass are strong at the new artificial reef outside. Nice size flounder are showing in Shinnicock Bay.

HAMPTON BAYS

Frank Muller at **Frank's Fishing Station** reports good flounder activity right at the head of Smiths Creek at buoy 21, buoy 17 and around the Coast Guard Station. Loads of blue claw crabs but you need a resident permit to catch them. Blackfish are plentiful around the jetties and Ponquogue Bridge with fiddler crabs for bait. Sea bass are also being taken at the bridge.

MORICHES BAY

John at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said there are plenty of flounder off the Coast Guard Station, Hart Cove and between buoys 42 and 43 on the north side of the Bay. Mussel chum and bloodworms are taking fish on any moving tide. Sea bass, porgies, blowfish and loads of blue claw crabs are mixed with the catch.



Al Gregg, Phil Lalanke, Richard Ferris, Brian Kenney and Victor Calise with a 10 foot, 200 lb. blue shark taken at the sea buoy from Shinnecock. Subscriber Club Photo

Some of the members of the Somers Sportsmen Association who made a catch of 23 bass and 25 blues aboard the "Makaria" out of the Montauk Marine Basin.

Cerullo Brothers Fishing Station reports plenty of blue claw crabs off buoy 27 and in the Forge River area being taken with traps from boats. On Saturday flounder was good off the Coast Guard Station and at buoys 35, 36 and 39 mostly around high water. A few seabass and porgies are mixed in. No chum. No bass to report either.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports lots of flounder at the bridge on both sides from ¾ to 1 pound, taking mostly bloodworms, all tides. Blackfishing is very good at the inlet on fiddler crabs on all tides, fish going 1-5 pounds. Good sized eels up to 1½ ft. west of the bridge taking squid bait. Some scattered blowfish and a few kings hitting flounder rigs. No sea bass.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports fair fall activity for its boats, with some flounder, kings, snappers and blue claw crabs hitting clam and squid baits. No weakfish. Great expectations for this area within the next week or so as the fall run increases. Best bets are between buoy 5 and the beach and at the hole between buoys 4 and 5.

J & R Sports Center in Oakdale reports John Sr., Irv Levin, Tony Santoro and Bill Southard on Sunday had 30 blacks from 1½ to 3½ lbs. at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers, plus a few sea bass. Flounders at Heckshire are just starting and will be improving. Some stripers have been taken off Cedar on live bunker and live eel and also off the lighthouse on live black and bergall. Al Cross of Brentwood on Sunday took a late season mako shark in 120 feet of water off Fire Island.

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Mrs. Temple of Farmingdale called into LIF a description of her car by the Friday deadline to become this weeks LIF Litter Box Contest Winner. Mrs. Temple has been sent a check for $20 and has also chosen a free fishing trip for two aboard the Capt. Ben Litwin in Captree for her prize. For information on how you may participate in the contest see page 20.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

This 25 lb. bluefin tuna was caught by Sal Terranova while bluefishing at the klondike aboard Capt. Al Coley's "Betty W II" from Sheepshead Bay. The fish was taken on 15 lb. test line on a whole butterfish. Subscriber Club Photo.

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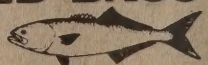
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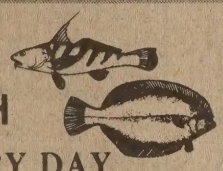
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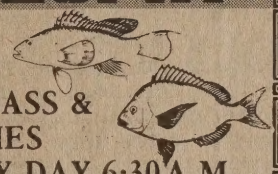

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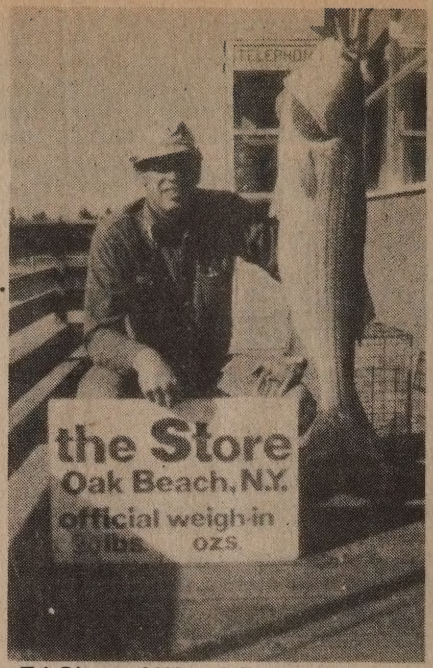
Tom and John Peters caught these 11 and 16 lb. blues from the surf at Long Beach on mackerel chunks. Subscriber Club Photo.



Ed Olson of West Islip hooked into this 30 lb. striper under the Draw Bridge at the Captree State Boat Channel. Ed used a chunk of bunker on 20 lb. test line. Photo courtesy of The Store.

CAPTREE

Captain Ben Litwin reports good size seabass and porgies galore on the Fire Island artificial reef outside. Blackfishing is also very good on the Kismet Reef with fish up to 7 pounds being taken daily on fiddler crabs. On Tuesday the poolfish was an 8½ pound blackfish.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** reports excellent blackfishing on the Kismet Reef and local wrecks inside the bay. Green crabs and fiddlers are producing best on the ebb tide. Bluefishing is still very good just south of the Fire Island Reef with the fish averaging 3-6 pounds and the hi-hook around 15 fish daily.

Captain Frank Swanson of the **Captain Swanson II** said that flounder fishing is fair but is off to a good start. Best area has been in the State Channel and the flats off of Bayshore and Islip with most of the fish coming off the flats. The fish are medium size and it looks like a much better year than last year. Kingfish, seabass and snappers are mixed in with the flounders in the State Channel.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** said that bluefishing remains good. On Tuesday fish 4-12 pounds were taken south of the inlet in 80 feet of water. On Wednesday the Oregon wreck was fished and 200 bluefish 6-10 pounds were taken with a 12 pound bluefish. Big seabass were also on the wreck with many 2 and 3 pounders with the largest going 4 lbs. 7 oz. A nine pound pollack was also taken. Saturday and Sunday was good offshore on the wrecks around the NB buoy. Hi-hook was 10 fish which ranged from 8-12 pounds.

Noel at the **Captree Bait Station** says the big thing now is 30-40 pound class striped bass that are being taken in healthy numbers on live eels at Cedar Beach, Sore Thumb and Democratic Point. At 9 A.M., Monday morning a 26 pounder was taken by a women at Fire Island's field 3 on an Atom popper. The bass are hitting at all hours, on all tides. Lots of bluefish at Fire Island's field 3 on Monday morning, 12 to 14 pounds, all hitting plugs. Flounder are heavy in the bay and state channel, on the bay side of Oak Beach, from the overlook piers and the bait station piers, along with sea bass mixed in, on bloodworms. For blackfish, try the overlook and Fire Island piers with fiddler or green crab. Flounder are being taken off the Jones Beach piers on worms. Eels are doing the job at West End II on stripers and on the Fire Island beaches for stripers and blues.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports big blues and weakfish off the old Coast Guard Station at Cedar on live blackfish from boats. Stripers at the Sore Thumb and Cedar on live eels for surfcasters. Blacks are good at the Artificial Reef on fiddlers and green crabs.

Mat and Joey caught these nice blues on Joey's dad's boat, "Flying Finn". All blues were caught on bunker 4 miles S/E of Fire Island Inlet. Biggest blue was 8 lbs. Photo courtesy of The Store.

OAKBEACH

Bill at **The Store** reports a lot of bass hitting the beaches from West End right through Fire Island inlet. The hot beaches are Cedar, Tobay, Democratic Point and the rest of the south shore sand beaches. A lot of fish over 25 pounds have been weighed in over the past week. A 45 pounder was weighed in on Sunday by Jim Dutten taken on live eel on outgoing tide from Cedar Beach, while Fred Jeimenez, at Democratic Point bagged a 28 pounder on incoming Sunday, along with an 18 pound blue and 4 other blues 9-12 pounds, on bunker chunks. Live eels or whole bunker or live blackfish are apparently what the big bass want. So we now seem to have lots of steady big bass action and many cows being weighed in. This is at all times and all tides. Flounder fishing is good north of The Store, in the bay on bloodworm. Blacks are hitting fiddler, worm and clam baits at the rocks south of The Store.

BABYLON

Augies Bait and Tackle says that only one mako shark was taken this weekend, but this was a 200 lb. brute taken southwest of the inlet in 150 feet of water on the "Trident". Charlie Fishette on his boat "Three Daughters" fished the Virginia Wreck Sunday, and for his efforts bagged 70 blues along with a sprinkling of cod and pollack. The Babylon Tuna Club's Blackfish Contest was won by Gabby Ciuffo with a 7 lb. 3 oz. black taken on a fiddler crab on the inside reef. Lots of blackfish were taken at the inshore reef. Flounder fishing is good and getting even better off Good Sam, Fox Creek and the Town Dock on bloodworms.

Babylon Fishing Station reports flounder very good in the State Channel by the Babylon Cut, East Fox Creek, and Grass Island and in front of the pool on bloodworms, all tides, no chum necessary. The fish are ¾ of a pound and fat. Good blackfishing at the inside reef on fiddlers and green crabs, all moving tides, fish up to 5 pounds.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop informs us that blackfishing is very good at the inshore artificial reef, at the bridges and off Sore Thumb on fiddlers and green crabs. Flounder action is good in the State Channel, off Cogaigue, Babylon and Lindenhurst flats, off Squaw Island and at Four Corners. Striped bass are hitting the beaches, fish in the 40's not uncommon, with live eels doing most of it. Blues are excellent for offshore chummers, but the snappers seem to have disappeared. Sea bass can be fished in Fire Island Inlet on a squid baited hi-lo rig. There are flurries of weakfish still in Fire Island Inlet, and the best bet for them is a small live bunker or blackfish, or a squid bait. Lots of crabs in traps in the channels and kingfish mixed with flounder in the Oak Beach Cove.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle says it is a three star extra on the blackfishing. Hotspots are the Kismet Reef, the Captree Bridge, the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges with green crabs and fiddlers at all tides, best being near the slack. Flounder action is very good at Zach's Bay and West Island and Gilgo on clam and bloodworms. A few sea bass, porgies and kingfish are being taken on flounder rigs also. The town dock is producing a few flounder for dock fishermen. A few big bass have been taking live eels and live baby blackfish at the Sore Thumb, off the Lighthouse and at the Tobay-Gilgo section of the State Channel and at the Meadowbrook Bridges. On Saturday afternoon Carl Pascaro, a mate on the **Captain Ben Litwin** out of Captree landed a 32 and a 39 pound bass on live blackfish at the Sore Thumb, roughly 5 P.M. on the first of the ebb. While flounder fishing in the channels now, put a crab trap or two over the side. Crabbing is excellent in the deeper channels.

Fred Guardineer retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 23 years of Government service including 20 years as a carrier at the Babylon Post Office. Fred plans to spend more time fishing and drawing for the Long Island Fisherman.

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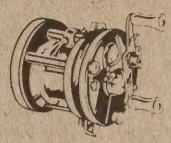

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SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells us that there is lots of flounder being taken at Four Corners, Goose Creek, Zachs Bay, Haunts Creek on bloodworms. These are fat keepers, small to medium. Blackfishing is good at the Meadowbrook Bridges on the inside, and offshore the Tea wreck and Roda wreck have blackfish of mixed sizes. A few bass are hitting live eels at the 3rd Wantagh and the last Meadowbrook bridge on outgoing water. Crabs are being taken in good numbers in traps in the channels as this cold weather has put them off the flats. Lon advises that now is an excellent time for crabbing.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station reports flounders very good at Four Corners and the Massapequa Shore Line. In general, fish IN CLOSE. There is good blackfishing at all 3 Wantagh bridges, particularly the 2nd and 3rd for blacks, stripers, sea bass and kingfish. Try live snappers or live baby blackfish for weaks and bass. Eels at the bridges for stripers are best. Plenty of crabs in traps.

Captain Dave Pigott of the **Lucky Strike III** had 53 flounder for 8 people on Saturday, using bloodworms, fish up to 1½ pounds, working the areas behind Seaford.

Boat Winterizing Session Scheduled

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will present a two hour session covering winterizing and basic boat lay-up procedures on Tuesday evening, October 21, 8 P.M. at the Glen Cove Senior High School.

Sponsored by Flotilla 12-3 of Glen Cove, the one-session seminar will include engine, hull and trailer maintenance tips and is free to all recreational boatowners and yachtsmen.

Ed and Helen Pretakewicz of Flushing caught these 40 fluke at Ned's Creek and Broad Creek in Merrick. Photo courtesy of Nick's Marina.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that there has been excellent bluefishing just outside Jones Inlet, just off the pipeline and at the dropoff at the West Bar, blues up to 15 pounds. These have been all trolled fish, all taken on Lupo bunker spoons. Some good sized bass have been taken on the Lupo spoons and also on live eels off Cedar Beach. Eels cast by surf casters have been working very well at Cedar Beach for big bass. Flounder action was good on Saturday in Broad and Haunts Creek and Whale Neck Point on the last of the outgoing with clam and worm. Sunday was not quite as good, due to the sloppy weather. A few sea bass have been picked at the Golf Course, while some anglers are doing a job on porgies in Row Boat Alley.

The infamous G. Korn continues to mystify local residents as he continues to float back and forth in Jones Inlet in his Mack Truck innertube. Korn has been scanning the LIF classifieds recently, and intimates that he is thinking of buying a boat....a real boat, in the near future. Stay tuned for further developements.

FREEPORT

Captain Richie Kessinger of **Starstream II** reports truly excellent porgie, seabass and black fishing all week and weekend, except for Thursday when the wind and rain made things impossible. Also being taken is a scattering of blues, fluke and cod. Seabass are up to 4 lbs., porgies are ¾ to 2 pounds, and blacks to 5 lbs. The fishing is consistantly good, so go get 'em.

The **Captain Al** tells us that aside from a slow Thursday and Friday, the rest of the week and the weekend he had lots of blues, big fish working the Cholera Banks. Al says one blue, that was roughly 25 lbs. was brought just out of reach of the gaff, on the surface, when the chopper spit out the hook. So, there are real alligators out there, fellas. An angler took an 80 lb. Mako this week too, on the Capt. Al. Fish are mixed sizes, 2-15 lbs., and averaging 10-12 per man. Al's charterboat, the **Capt. II** was out there too, and they both wailed away at the blues. Al said he'll probably bluefish through Thanksgiving.

The **Captain Lou II** reports that he's doing a bang up job on the flounders, locally, hi-hooks running in the 40's, lo-hook in the 20's per man on clam or worm, depending on the drop. Fish are averaging ½ to ¾ lb., with pool winners going over 1 lb. Lou says he's fishing Swift, Long and Funday Creeks and he also bagged 3 keeper fluke at Long and Funday. State Channel still sparse and Hamit's Creek loaded with crabs. Some kings mixed in with the flatties.

The **Aloma II** had a flounder bonanza Saturday, with loads of flounder ¾ to 1½ lbs. coming over the rail, to the tune of 15-38 per man. All fares were very much surprised at such hot fishing so early in the fall flounder season. On Sunday, the blow reduced the catch to 10-12 per man. Double and triple headers were common, says Capt. Schmidt. He's working locally, with bloods. The **Aloma** is having good catches on seabass at local wrecks, fish ¾ to 2 lbs. Porgies are quieting down.

Capt. Johnny A's **Miss Freeport** has been doinw well with the porgies and has now switched over to flounder, as the season has started so well.

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week and is now booking cod charters. Should be a good cod season.

Captain Sy Carlin called in to say that the **Blue Fin** and **The Atlantic** had a slow pick going on Saturday morning at Cholera, so they both moved 6 miles southeast of Cholera where they ran into a school of mixed size bluefish running 3-16 pounds. On the **Blue Fin**, Ed Jaeger of Rockville Centre, a member of the Alert Engine Co. fought and boated a 16 pound chopper.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports plenty of flounder, particularly at the first small Meadowbrook Bridge (High flats drain) fish ¾ to 1¼ pounds on bloodworms and clam, mainly worms. Chumming helps. Plenty of blackfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge and off Short Beach on fiddlers and green crab. Blue claw crabbing is very good now. Angler Frank Oshinski of Freeport fished behind Baldwin on Saturday and had 60 fat keeper flounder and a couple of dozen hefty blue claws.

Roy at **Mako Marina** tells us that angler Len Auerhan nailed a 46¾ pound striper on Saturday while fishing a Lupo bunker spoon along with a 29 lb. striper east of the inlet in 5-20 feet of water. Fred Bosch who also fished a Lupo bunker spoon

Robert Matthews, 11, is shown here with his 21 ½ lb. striper and 13 ¼ blue he caught swimming bunker in the State Boat Channel at Jones Beach. Subscriber Club Photo.

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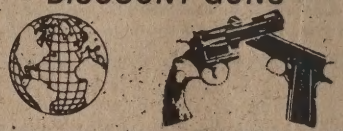

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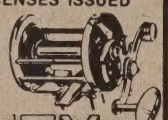

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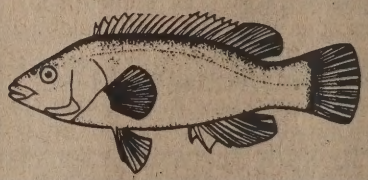

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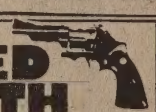

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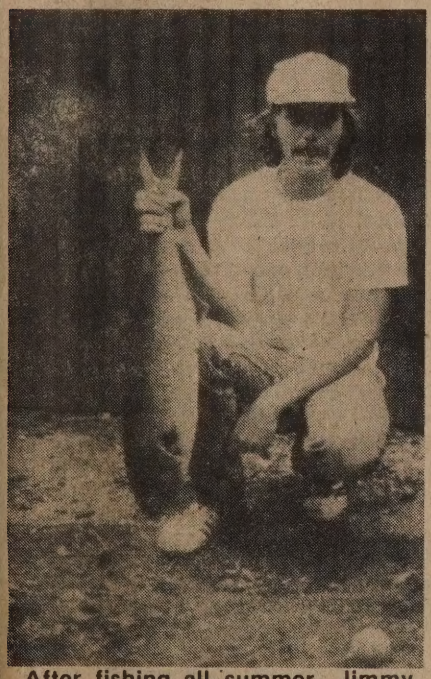
bagged a 46¼ pound striper along with a 17 and 21 pounder further west, off the Pink Hotel in 10-20 feet of water on Saturday morning. On Sunday the charterboat **Nite Owl** fished southeast of Cholera and in a short period of time boated 35 bluefish 8-14 pounds. Captain Pete indicates that the blues are congregating around wrecks and rocky bottom.

Bruno at **Hudson Point Marina** informs us that big bass are being taken around the Coast Guard Station on live bunker and live eels, early morning hours.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie II** sailed E/S/E of Cholera Saturday, and had about 40 blues 4-6 lbs. for a good days fishing. On Sunday, Capt. Andy Pollio sat on a couple of wrecks and took good catches of porgies, blacks and sea bass.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** said the fishing is pretty good all around. Although the date might be wrong to go flounder fishing for some people the flounder don't go by a calendar and are hitting well. Most of the creeks but not all the channels have a good supply of flounder. Blackfish are in solid at most bridges and jetties while on the outside wrecks the sea bass are in decreasing abundance. Reynolds Channel buoys 16, 18, and 20 also have sea bass.



After fishing all summer, Jimmy Martin finally broke the ice with this 12 lb. blue. The blue was taken in Jamaica Bay while fishing from the Floyd Bennett Field Pier using a surface plug. Subscriber Club Photo.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Bill of the **Gennie Mae** had very good bottom fishing Sunday on the porgies, blacks and sea bass, and says porgies are slowing down. Seabass and blacks are best now, and guantity is making up for size. Bill is working the reef and local wrecks, and will be after cod soon.

According to Billy at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook the surf activity has gotten a good start into its fall striped bass fishing. Live eels and plugs fished from the beach are starting to score well. Although most of the striped bass are from 5-10 pounds and being taken on plugs, there were a couple of biggies taken from the beach that went from 20-50 pounds. Blackfishing is pretty good at Silver Point jetty and Meadowbrook Bridge is using fiddler or greeen crabs. Flounders are just getting off to a start.

Steve Kellner and Steve Mars caught this 13 lb. blue from the beach on a Creek Chub Popper. Subscriber Club Photo.

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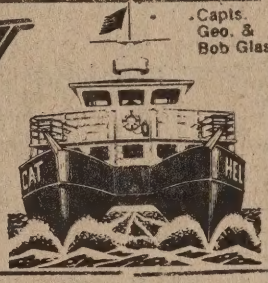

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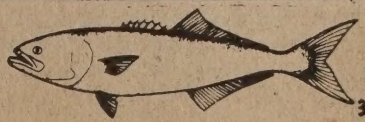

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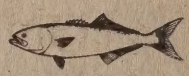
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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon at **Henning's Fishing Station** reports good blackfishing at the bridges and jetties and most rock piles. Bannister Creek and Woodmere Channel have lots of small, fat keeper flounders. Blood worms are best bait. The surf fishing has taken a big upturn in striped bass catches. Jimmy Puryear of Laurelton fished along Lido Beach with a bunker in the very early morning and took a 55 lb. 4 oz. striped bass from the wash using 20 lb. line. His partner Al Coldan using a blue Atom #40 on 12 lb. line took a 40 lb. 12 oz. bass. Between them they finished up with 10 more bass.

JAMAICA BAY

Nohren's Bait and Tackle reports good flounder fishing over most of the bay. Some of the better spots are the railroad bridge and North Channel Bridge. Use blood worms for bait and you can get ¾ to 1 lb. fish. Short stripers of 13-18 inches are being taken at night on sand worms at the R.R. bridge while bigger ones are at

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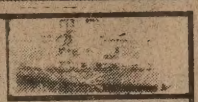

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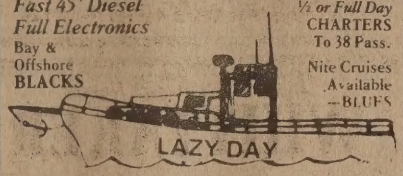

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Capt. Huck of the new, all aluminum **Helen H** reports very good bluefishing at the Farms, fish 10-20 pounds on day and night trips. 5-15 fish per man was average and Huck says the action could remain hot till mid-November.

Blue Sea II's Capt. Nick Canisi reports that except for Saturday the bluefishing all week and weekend for him and his passengers was great, 5-15 choppers a man, fish 6-15 lbs. working Seabright.

The **Flamingo II** had very good blue action on Monday and Tuesday, got weathered out Wed-Fri., then Saturday and Sunday were good again for the big blues. Capt. John told us albies were mixed in with the blues.

The charterboat **Beau Joe** has been working the Farms, and taking good blue catches in the 9 lb. class. On the Jersey side of Ambrose Channel, on Sunday, Capt. Joe loaded up on seabass and topped it off with a few blues.

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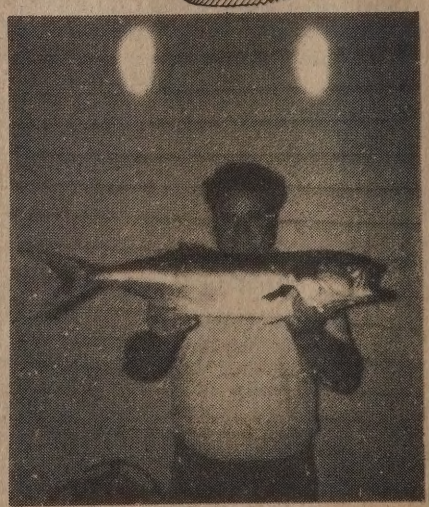
a small party. John says last weekend he got 23 bass 4-15 lbs., and 39 blues 4-8 lbs.

George at **Bay End Dock** said there are still plenty of small porgies in the Bay. Blackfishing is good at Marine Parkway Bridge and at the jetties. Fiddler crabs seem to do best. Plenty of blue claw crabs are to be had at Plum Beach. Bluefish had trapped bunker by Manhattan Beach and the blues were being taken from the beach with poppers. Striped bas have started to make a showing at the Rockaway jetties using white bucktails.

STATEN ISLAND

There is still a steady pick of striped bass at Hyland Blvd and Cliff St said **Santo's Sport Shop**. These fish are shorts to 5 lbs. and better being taken mostly on worms but bucktails and poppers are taking there share. The old pier at South Beach has short bass on worms mostly. This same area has had a steady pick of big blues on cut bait. Flounders of ½ to ¾ lbs. have come in at South Beach, Bergen Ave storm sewers and Great Kills Park. Some snappers of ½ pound or bigger are still around and are taking shinny lures or spearing. Great Kills Park rocks have blacks of 2-2½ pounds. Boats fishing the Middle Grounds in Princess Bay are getting big blues, some to 14 or 16 lbs., on Bingle Gorilla rigs or tubes. Cut bait is also good. Hoffman and Swinburne Islands have a steady pick of school stripers using bucktails or worms while at anchor.



Eddie Burke of S. Ozone Park with his 11 lb. 4 oz. blue he caught while fishing the Crossbay Bridge. Subscriber Club Photo.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

SOUTHOLD

Captain Marty's Fishing Station reports that because of the stormy weather the porgy fishing has been quiet. The flounders and blacks seem to have been awakened by this eather and have been active.

Peter at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** said the stormy weather is keeping the anglers close to home. Although the bigger blacks of 6-7 lbs. are at Orient decent sized 3 and 4 pounders are here in the Brickyard and off the Windmill at Greenlawn. Flounders are real good by the abandoned lighthouse and Long Beach and are of 1 pound and better being taken on worms or clam. In the bay by Goose Creek the flounders are about ¾ of a pound.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue said there was good blackfishing in the Sound. These are 1-8 pound fish taking fiddler and green crabs on moving tide. Some flounders are starting in the bay. Bluefish are spotty in the sound, your best bet is morning or evening using butterfish or bunker. Striped bass fishing from either the beach or a boat has been very quiet lately.

MILLER PLACE

Earl at **Queensland Cove Bait and Tackle** says there is some pretty good sized striped bass to be had along the beaches to Rocky Point. Bobby Larson of Rocky Point had a 52 and a 55 pound striped bass this past Thursday. He was using a 2 oz. blue and white Atom

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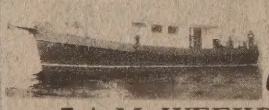

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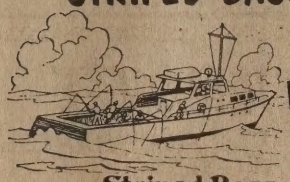
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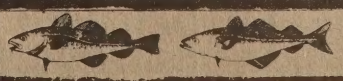

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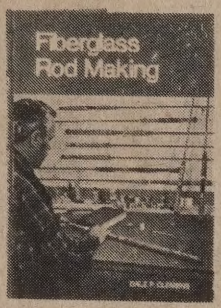

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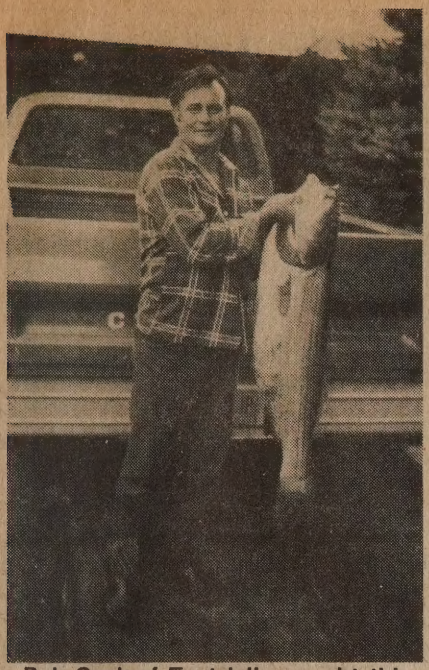

Bob Cook of East Islip caught this 35 lb. bass while fishing Orient Point. Subscriber Club Photo.

popper off the Shoreham Beach. Fairly good bottom fishing to be had on blacks and flounders. Bluefish are falling for bunker chunks but on the decline.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralphs Fishing Station said that small blues were on top during the week. They were responding well to plugs. From Saturday on it has been a little quiet. Blacks and porgies are pretty good and are the main stay right now. A few flounders have been taken in the harbor on worms.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tim at **Caraftis Fishing Station** said the blackfishing has been very nice. The usual spot of Cranes Neck, Old Field Point and Mt. Misery are still your best bets using fiddlers and green crabs. Flounders are starting at the entrance to Setauket Harbor. Using worms at the end of the high tide and most of the outgoing is your best bet. There are still some blues in the harbor being taken on bunker but this fishing seems to be on the way out but Middle Grounds still has better than fair bluefishing for the trollers. Some striped bass are mixed in with these fish.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Pat at **Commack Sports Center** said there have been some pretty good striped bass fishing at the Nissequogue River using worms at night on the outgoing tide. These fish are about 6 to 8 pounds. Sunken Meadow and Callahan's are doing well on blackfish by anglers using crabs.

NORTHPORT

A.P. White said there was a fabulous fishing contest held over this past weekend. Art was a weigh-in station for the Greenport Aquaseum fishing contest. There were loads of striped bass and blues caught. Plum Gut had striped bass taken on bucktails. Blues were also caught at the Gut and Pigeon Rip and the Race on bucktails, bunker or smelts. Blackfish are all along the Sound beaches, the docks and jetties as well as Green Hills or Plum and Gull Island. The Brand X and the Wilhelric open boats are loading up on blues.

Bowman's Sporting Goods said that the best bet right now is blackfishing. If going by boat about ½ to 1 mile off Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station is excellent. These fish want green crabs. Shore fishing using fiddler crabs is very good at Hobart Beach and Makamah. The trick of a good catch from the beach is to start fishing about 1 hour before high water and fish for about 2 hours after. This is the prime time for blacks. Flounders are getting strong in the bay and they are also being caught from the dock. Bluefishing is sad right now probably because not many people are going after this fish. Fishing 11B with bunker or deep jigging or trolling with red tubes is your best bet. So far there are very few reports on striped bass.

Nat Satayavinit of Lynbrook caught this bass on a live eel on the outgoing tide at Cedar Beach. Nat also landed 2 bass on Sunday weighing 39 and 17 pounds also on live eels. Photo courtesy of The Store.

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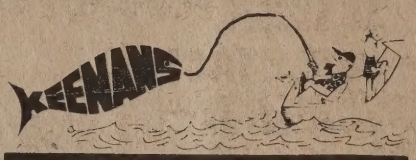

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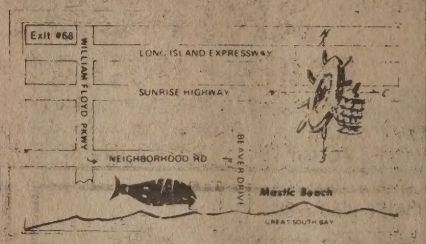

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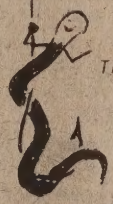

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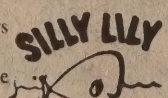

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GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** reports the bluefish have been up every night. The whole area from Mattinecock Point, Sea Cliff Beach and Prybil Beach have been alive with blues. They are taking either lures or tubes. It seems the young boys have a lock on catching the big fish. Tuesday fifteen year old Al Mariani of Sea Cliff caught a 42 inch striped bass while snagging bunker for blues. It bot-

Leonard Schuermann of Lindenhurst with his catch of 16 blues weighing from 5-12 ½ lbs. These blues were taken on Sunday Oct. 5 at the Cartwright Grounds at Montauk. Subscriber Club Photo.

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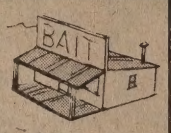

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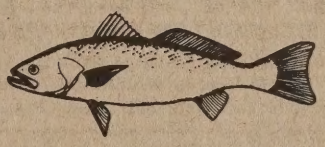

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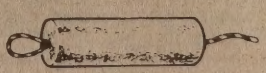

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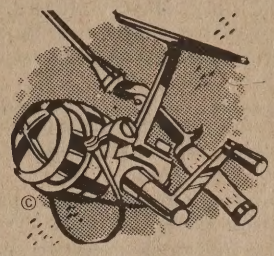

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tomed out on the scale at 28 pounds. Friday saw Peter Schultz, a 10 year old take a 14 pound 4 oz. blue all by himself. This was taken on a 1¾ ounce Gudebrod Troublemaker.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait and Tackle couldn't give us any specific information on any particular species. In general they are getting good reports on striped bass, porgies, snappers and flounders. It is best to ask them what is running at the particular moment you are ready to go fishing.

BAYVILLE

Mike at **Pump's Park Fishing Station** said striped bass action has been minimal at present. The main stay is a few porgies and quite a few blacks at the Center Island Reef. Mike says there are quite a few coot around and he has boats available for those who want to go shooting these birds. He will direct you to the current good shooting areas.

CITY ISLAND

Lots of blackfish reports **Jack's Bait and Tackle**. They are hitting the usual fiddler and green crab baits. Most rocky areas are productive. Bluefish

Brian Fand, 3½, helped locate these end of the season blackfish off Harton's Point. Six of the eleven fish weighed better than 10 lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

are still around and many big ones to 12 pounds and better are hitting chunk and whole bunker. School striped bass of 3½ to 6 pounds are being taken drifting worms near CBS Tower and Harts Island. The bays have a fair amount of flounder and butterfish.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

Staten Island

Stripers are being picked up by beach fishermen on worms. Bunker spoons and umbrellas still produce big blues in Chapel Hill Channel.

Sandy Hook

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DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
10/16 THURSDAY	5:56	6:12	7:41	8:00	10:05	10:27	9:22	9:45
10/17 FRIDAY	6:39	6:56	8:15	8:36	10:46	11:09	10:04	10:27
10/18 SATURDAY	7:17	7:35	8:50	9:11	11:20	11:41	10:43	11:05
10/19 SUNDAY	7:53	8:12	9:23	9:46	11:44	—	11:21	11:44
10/20 MONDAY	8:28	8:48	9:57	10:23	12:03	11:56	11:57	—
10/21 TUESDAY	9:01	9:25	10:31	11:00	12:17	12:18	12:21	12:33
10/22 WEDNESDAY	9:35	10:01	11:06	11:39	12:42	12:51	12:58	1:10
10/23 THURSDAY	10:10	10:39	11:43	—	1:18	1:29	1:37	1:50

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

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Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

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Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
10/16	2:20	**8:50**	2:45	**9:10**
10/17	3:00	**9:25**	3:25	**9:45**
10/18	3:35	**10:05**	4:00	**10:05**
10/19	4:15	**10:45**	4:40	**11:05**
10/20	4:55	**11:30**	5:20	**11:45**
10/21	5:40	:	6:00	**12:15**
10/22	6:25	**12:40**	6:55	**1:10**
10/23	7:25	**1:35**	7:45	**2:00**

PHASES OF THE MOON

10-4	10-11	10-20	10-27
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10-6	7:00	6:36
10-12	7:06	6:27
10-18	7:12	6:18
10-24	7:19	6:09

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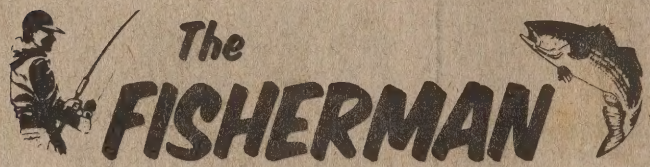

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